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" Lellen Greenhalgh,	" " "
" Elizabeth Haldeman,	" " "
" Emma Virginia Herbert,	" " "
" Grace M. Jerauld,	" " "
" Frances Liming,	" " "
" Bernice Lough,	" " "
" Martha F. Neese,	" " "
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" Ella M. Fieger,	" " "
" Alice Ful on,	" " "
" Nettie L. Haney,	" " "
" Grace Heffley,	" " "
" Margaret Langworthy,	" " "
" Jean F Lowry,	" " "
" Sarah L. Marker,	" " "
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" Jessie M Newland,	" " "
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" GRACE DAWSON,	" " "
" HARRIET B. HARTMAN,	" " "
" ADDIE E. HAW,	" " "
" ELIZABETH HUMPHREY,	" " "
" MABEL MURRELL,	" " "
" DORA RERICK,	" " "
" MAE SMITH,	" " "
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" KATHERINE BOWERMAN,	" " "
" MARIA DOUHAN,	" " "
" GRACE ANNA M EK,	" " "
" HANNAH NELSON,	" " "
" MARION E. PERRY,	" " "
" LEATHA SMITH,	" " "
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" ALICE K. GREEN,	" " "
" ABIGAIL SIMONDS,	" " "
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Mrs. WILLIAM A. DAVIS, Matron,	" " "
Miss MURIEL FORESTER,	" " "
" ETHEL HOLCOMB,	" " "
" ELEANOR HUBBELL,	" " "
" MAE LEDGERWOOD,	" " "
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" PAULINE COOK,	" " "
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" RUTH HEWITT,	" " "
" IDA HICKMAN,	" " "
" MINNIE LEEBRICK,	" " "
" MARTHA K. LITTLE,	" " "
" VIEVIE SOUDERS,	" " "
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" HELEN JAMES,	" " "
" EMMA KELLY,	" " "
" LULU MORSE,	" " "
" JENNIE FERGUSON,	" " "
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" MARY BLASCHO,	" " "
" SARAH CHURCH,	" " "
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Miss MINNIE PIKE,	" " "
" EVA RIGG,	" " "
" HELEN STAPP,	" " "
" IDA MAY ANKERMAN,	" " "
" EUNICE BRITT,	" " "
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" CEDORA CHENEY,	" " "
" WINIFRED CRISPIN,	" " "
Mrs. EMILY FOSTER,	" " "
Miss ELVA HADLEY,	" " "
" FRANCES HAINES,	" " "
" ETHEL HARRIS,	" " "
" ECKA HEWITT,	" " "
" CHARLOTTE JONES,	" " "
Mrs. H. LINCOLN,	" " "
Miss CARRIE PIERSON,	" " "
" LUCY REAS,	" " "
" ADA RICHARDSON,	" " "
" EDNA TRETHEWAY,	" " "
" KATH EEN WEYBREW,	" " "
" FRIEDA WILKINS,	" " "
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" MARY DEGROAT,	" " "
" MARY E IZABETH HERROLD,	" " "
" MARY LOUISE SHNYDER,	" " "
" PANSY K. HAVENS, Director of Nurses,	Washington, D. C., Sibley Memorial Hospital, N. Capitol and Pierce Streets.

DEACONESSES IN STATIONS.

Miss GRACE ADAMS,	Monrovia, Cal.
" ANNIE BASSETT, retired,	Old People's Home, Circleville, O.
" CLARA BAXTER,	Salina, Kan.
" MARGARET F. BELL,	548 Veronica Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill.
" ADDIE BENNETT,	Salina, Kan.
Mrs. H. IDA BENSON,	Providence, R. I.
Miss LILLIAN E. BISHOP,	200 N. 10th St., Mt. Vernon, Ill.
" BELLE BLAKESLEY,	Pasadena, Cal.
" OLIVIA BOSTROM,	712 Michigan Ave., Portland, Ore.
" ADA BREAKENRIDGE,	293 Arcadia St., Pasadena, Cal.
" MINNIE M. CHRISTY,	1335 Newberry Ave., Chicago, Ill.
" GRACE CLARK,	14 Dickinson St., Binghamton, N. Y.
" ABBIE CLINESMITH,	Mothers' Jewels Home, York, Neb.
" LOTTIE CONNER,	1050 W. 27th St., Indianapolis, Ind.
" DONNA E. COOLEY,	Lexington, Ky.
" JOSEPHINE CORBIN,	74 Cookman Ave., Ocean Grove, N. J.
Mrs. C. A CONVERSE,	1524 State St, Syracuse, N. Y.
Miss BESSIE CRANDALL,	Curranville, Kan.
" MARY E. CRAWFORD,	421 W. Washington St., Washington, Iowa.
Mrs. ALICE CURTIS,	15 French St., Barre, Vt.
Miss LUCY CURTIS,	Sedalia, Mo.
" HATTIE E. DAVIS,	139 Elizabeth St., Utica, N. Y.
" LILLIAN DIETZ,	Oakland, Cal.
" HILDA EVANS,	524 Pear St., Scranton, Pa.
" MARGARET FLANDERS,	1335 Newberry, Ave., Chicago, Ill.
" BLANCHE FREEMAN,	Chanute, Kan.
" HATTIE GIFFORD,	49 Second St., Gloversville, N. Y
" EDITH GORBY (Grand Island Dist.),	Glenwood, N. Neb.
" JANE HAWKINS,	Muskogee, Okla.
" ORA HOPKINSON,	Fort Madison, Iowa.
" ESSIE JEBB,	Berkeley, Cal.
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" Leslie Lane, ... Munden, Kan.
" Elizabeth Larrish. . . . . Poplar St., Mt. Carmel, Pa.
" Edith P. Mann, ... 1121 Pennsylvania, Ave., Boulder, Col.
" Anna Morris, ... 801 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, Ind.
" Laura Patterson, ... Monmouth, Ill.
Mrs. Helen R. Peck, ... 1016 North St., Sacramento, Cal.
Miss Helen C. Piper, ... 1335 Newberry Ave., Chicago, Ill.
" May Reed, ... San Pedro, Cal.
" Edna Ruhlen, ... Ellsworth, Kan.
" Rose E. Santee, ... 3315 Fleet St., Baltimore, Md.
" Florence Seeburn, ... 1335 Newberry Ave., Chicago, Ill.
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" Sadie J. Sheffer, ... 1409 Eighth Ave., Altoona, Pa.
" Rosa Simpson, ... 405 Carter St., Marshall, Texas.
" Ollie Stewart, ... Caney, Kan.
" Maude Steichelman, ... Wakefield, Kan.
" Emma Trescott, ... 29 W. Maple St., Hazelton, Pa.
" Florence Twidwell . . . . . Eugene, Ore,
" Adda May Trout, ... 1912 Pine St., Altoona, Pa.
" Lucy Valentine, ... 6 Fidelity Place, Montclair, N. J.
" Julia P. Wallace, ... Carmen, Okla.
" Alice Whitney, ... Long Beach, Cal.
Mrs. Mary Widaman, ... 60 N. 5th St., San Jose, Cal.
Miss Henrietta Williams, ... 127 South St., Newark, N. J
" Alice E. Willison, ... 516 Broadway, Waterloo, Ia.
" Marion E. Wilson, ... Goodland, Kan.
" Georgiana Welker, ... Santa Maria, Cal.

REST HOMES.

Miss Madelyn Whyland, Superintendent, . . Bancroft Rest Home, Ocean Grove, N. J.
" Octavia Hicks, Superintendent, . . . Thompson Rest Home, Mt. Lake Park, Md.
————————, ... Caroline Rest Home, Round Lake, N. Y.
————————, ... Elvira Olney Rest Home, Ludington, Mich.
Mrs. J. W. Gillette, ... Wing Rest Home, Huntington Beach, Cal.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting

HELD IN

RICHMOND AVE. CHURCH, BUFFALO, N. Y.

OCTOBER 19–26, 1910.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

THE Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Richmond Avenue Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Wednesday morning, October 19, 1910, at 9.30 o'clock.

The President, Mrs. George O. Robinson, of Detroit, Mich., announced the devotional service as in charge of the Rev. Lester H. Smith, D. D.

The hymn "Faith of our fathers! living still" was sung, followed by a prayer of thanksgiving for blessings in the past, both personal and general, and that there should now come to us such optimism of faith that we should go *forward* feeling that nothing is impossible with God.

Portions of Scripture from the Gospel of St. Luke and the Acts of the Apostles were read with the teaching that God is here—that He is here in power—that He is here to bless, and that His power and blessing are to come to us not as a convention, but through individual connection with Him.

The Convention was organized by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Aiken nominated the following Assistant Secretaries, and the nominations were confirmed: Mrs. E. L. Albright, Delaware, Ohio; Mrs. B. S. Potter, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. D. D. Thompson, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. I. J. Reynolds, Pasadena, Cal.; and Mrs. M. H. Nason, Cleveland, Ohio.

Committees were constituted as follows:

Courtesies.—Mrs. C. E. Allen, Chairman.

Credentials and Enrollment.—Mrs. D. B. Street, Chairman, with power to choose assistants.

By-Laws.—Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Mrs. J. F. Mund, Mrs. A. B. Jones, Mrs. W. Bent Wilson, and Mrs. J. C. Rossman.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Naomi Day, Mrs. F. T. Israel, Mrs. S. S. Holmes, Mrs. E. R. Heckman, and Mrs. George E. Parks.

Place of Meeting.—Mrs. Lavanda G. Murphy, Mrs. A. G. Stebbins, Mrs. J. Niblack, Mrs. Clara L. Roach, Mrs. Arthur Dean.

Church Press.—Miss Martha Van Marter, with power to choose assistants.

Secular Press.—Mrs. W. A. Crawford, Chairman; Miss Grace F. Searle, assistant.

Pulpit Supply.—Mrs. J. L. Sooy.

In a few words of greeting, Mrs. Robinson, the President, referred to the Tenth Annual Meeting in this city of Buffalo and the impetus given to the deaconess work of the Society, then in a somewhat chaotic condition, by the establishment of the Buffalo Deaconess Home.

With her word of greeting to those gathered here for the second time, she desired to give a word of remembrance of those who had been translated but whose works do follow them. She reminded the delegation that they were here to fulfill a trust committed to them by their Conferences.

Mrs. Aiken called attention to the program for the Convention and stated that six thousand copies had been printed and that they might be freely distributed.

On motion of Mrs. I. D. Jones, the program was accepted as the order of exercises of the Convention.

The report of the Committee on Transportation was given by the Secretary, Mrs. O. P. McCarty, and accepted. (See Report.)

The Editors of the *Convention Daily,* Mrs. Levi Gilbert and Mrs. Ward Platt, were presented and outlined their plans for the paper.

Miss Alice M. Guernsey and Miss Florence Frost, publishers, were introduced. Miss Guernsey announced the number of papers to be issued and the method of distribution. Subscriptions were called for and a large number secured.

In the absence of Mrs. Richard Dymond, Chairman of the Committee on Bequest and Devise, the report of the Committee was ordered printed without reading. (See Report.)

The report of the Bureau for Mission Supplies was read by the Secretary, Mrs. E. Y. King, Gallipolis, Ohio, and the incidents recited proved by the comfort given those in need and the happiness coming to those who supplied their needs that "the quality of mercy is doubly blessed in blessing him that gives and him that takes."

Six hundred and six ministers and their families had been assisted, as well as our various homes, schools, and hospitals. The total amount of cash supplies for the year amounting to $71,427.30. Report accepted. (See Report.)

A resolution that the sale of literature and exhibits should not be

made during the time of the regular sessions of the Convention was offered by Mrs. Wm. Christie Herron and adopted.

The annual report of the General Treasurer, Mrs. George H. Thompson, was given, showing that the total receipts for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1910, amounted to $640,690.20; receipts not income, $42,150.87; balance from July 30, 1909, $1,204.05; making a grand total of $684,045.12. The total expenditures, $678,615.03. Balance in treasury July 31, 1910, $5,430.09.

The report was accepted with enthusiasm and applause for the Treasurer, who had so carefully guarded the financial interests of the Society. (See Report.)

The Chairman of the Auditing Committee, Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Jr., not being present because of illness, the report was read by Mrs. I. D. Jones and accepted. (See Report.)

Tender mention was made of Mrs. Goodman, who has long been a most devoted worker of the Society, and on motion of Mrs. Jones, a message of love and sympathy was sent her.

On motion of Mrs. D. D. Thompson, a telegram of greeting was sent Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, President Emeritus.

On the invitation of the President, Mrs. Robinson, the Rev. Ward Platt, D. D., the Rev. C. E. Allen, D. D., pastor of the Church, his wife, and Mrs. C. T. Allen, his mother, came to the platform and were introduced to the Convention.

The report of the General Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams, Delaware, Ohio, was a comprehensive review of America as a mission field, and the sure and steady advance of our Society in its efforts to meet the needs of this vast country of ours with its varied population.

The report was heard with intense interest and pleasure, and adopted with a rising vote of thanks. (See Report.)

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Allen, and adjournment followed until 2 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE second session of the Annual Meeting was opened by the Communion Service presided over by Bishop Berry, Resident Bishop of Buffalo. Upon the platform, to assist in the service, were the Rev. Clarence E. Allen, our host; Dr. J. L. Sooy, Superintendent of the Buffalo District, and the Rev. H. Lester Smith, pastor of Delaware Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bishop Berry announced the hymn "Savior, Thy dying love," which was feelingly sung as a petition and promise to the One whose spirit is breathed throughout the hymn.

About three hundred communicants came to the table of our Father, dismissed in turn by Bishop Berry and the pastors. Every heart could but be thrilled by the beautiful service and filled with a stronger faith and purpose to be worthy to serve Him whose dying love was so freely given for them.

The prayer of benediction was closed by the Lord's Prayer, in which all joined.

The President, Mrs. Robinson, assumed the chair and introduced the memorial service of the hour.

Mrs. Robinson presented the Rev. Daniel McGurk, who asked that the first and last stanzas of the hymn "Jerusalem the Golden" be sung.

The President, before introducing those who were to speak in the service, said it was an hour that invited our hearts to sympathy and love, not to feelings of gloom and sorrow. She remembered with sorrowing joy and chastened gladness that they had simply passed on to their beautiful home.

Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers was expected to give the address of the hour, but was unable to be present, and the President introduced Dr. McGurk, who had consented to speak upon the positive statement found in Revelation 14: 13, "And their works do follow them." The speaker's words were strong, sympathetic, and convincing. He said the life of God is immortal. We share His immortality through our sonship with Him, our adoption into His family. The works "following" are works which make character. What we are expresses itself in what we do, not what we fail to do. They that have gone are worthy to sit down with the Father. They are heirs to immortal life because they were children of the King. Continuity in life teaches that the love of Christ in the heart God can not disappoint.

Dr. McGurk said the text should read, as Greek scholars know, that they may rest from their fatigues, but their tasks do follow them, enter into the joy of thy Lord. This joy is to *do*—do the will of the Father, now with renewed spirit they shall also do His will and finish His work. The unrealized aspirations of our lives will be radiant and realized in the by and by. Blessed ministry!

The President said such words gave strength and courage to all Christian hearts.

Miss Hildegard Leiblee was introduced and charmed the listening audience by singing in sympathetic voice "The Home land."

The President spoke of the scope of our Society and its varied interests, thus bringing to us benefactors as well as beneficiaries.

Mrs. Ballsinger spoke of the going home of Miss Belle Bradley, who had been the moving spirit in the establishment of Bradley Orphanage in memory of her mother. She had stood loyally by the women of the Pittsburg Conference. She would be silent in such a presence as this, but untiring in her activity for the work.

Mrs. Mary Fisk Park spoke of the life and service of Miss Annette Schveder, who had so faithfully served the Society in Watts de Peyster Home. Mrs. Park said one has seldom the opportunity to speak of such a life as that of Miss Schveder. She met her illness as she met all in life that came to her, bravely and resignedly. The children of the Home sang at her burial, "Safe in the arms of Jesus" with a pathos that told of their loss.

Mrs. L. H. Bunyan spoke of the great loss to the Society and to the work of Emerson Home in the "going home" of Miss Buckbee. For eighteen years this strong but transparent character had stood as the loved guide and counselor of the girls under her care. The "queen mother" she was lovingly called.

The President spoke of the sudden death of Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, who had always been greatly interested in our work, and invited her niece, Mrs. Emah Kellogg, Secretary of Young People's Work in Des Moines Conference, to be presented and speak of Mrs. Foster. Mrs. Kellogg referred to the loyalty of Mrs. Foster to the Society and said that in a recent interview she was asked by her, "What are you doing for the Master?" And when the reply came, "I am working for the Young People," her heart was glad, for she said, "There is nothing better."

The President spoke of the absence of Mrs. Rogers, whom she had invited to speak of the life and work of Mrs. Angie F. Newman. Mrs. Rogers had sent this message, "May her spirit brood over this assembly."

Mrs. Kent spoke of the going out into the new life of Mrs. A. M. Whitson, her associate in Bureau work. She put her whole heart in the work for the Mexican girls. The good she did for the Spanish girls can not be estimated. The new school at Tucson is built upon the foundations laid by her helpfulness. But the regret is that she was not permitted to view the completed structure, for she "walks with God," and her accustomed place holds but the memory of her noble efforts.

The President asked the privilege of mentioning the names of a few of our brothers in this work who had finished their course. She felt that William Christie Herron, the husband of our First Vice-President; Mr. Thomas E. Roach, husband of our Mrs. Clara L. Roach, and Senator J. P. Dolliver should be named. These had in various ways served our interest whenever possible.

Mrs. C. F. Thirkield moved that a message of sympathy be sent Mrs. P. H. Bodkin, who is watching by the bedside of her only daughter.

One stanza of "Work, for the night is coming," was sung, and the memorial service closed.

Mrs. Herron was invited to the chair and appropriately introduced the President, Mrs. George O. Robinson, who gave her Annual Address. This address was full of vitality in its hopeful outlook. (See Address.)

Miss Emma L. Robinson, General Secretary of Junior League Work

was introduced and said tersely and convincingly, "I believe in this work," and asked co-operation to interest Junior League Superintendents.

Rev. George R. Palmer, D. D., of the Maine Conference, pronounced the benediction, and adjournment followed until 7 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

AT 7 o'clock nine hundred and fifty persons assembled at Hengerer's Tea Room, where a banquet was held in honor of the delegates to the Annual Meeting. This banquet was provided by the women of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the city of Buffalo, and every appointment was complete. The large hall, decorated with a profusion of autumn leaves and flags, was crowded to its fullest capacity.

After partaking of the delicious repast, one verse of "Blest be the tie that binds" and two verses of the hymn "America" were sung while the deft waitresses removed the dishes, after which the President, Mrs. Robinson, briefly reviewed the growth of the Society since its Annual Meeting held in this city twenty years ago.

As toastmistress, she then introduced Bishop Berry, who was greeted with applause as he rose to extend a welcome to the President, officers, Secretaries of the several departments, delegates and all visitors. He said: "If you are as happy to be here as we are to have you here, you will have a good time. All hail! Thrice welcome! God bless you! Stay as long as you can, and don't go away until you have to." There was welcome not only in the words, but in the Bishop's tone and expression, and all felt at home at once.

Rev. Ward Platt, D. D., Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, was introduced, and spoke on the topic, "Our Big Brother."

He said that while the Board to which he belonged subsidizes and builds churches, it does not educate. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, he told us, has erected fifteen thousand church buildings, one-half in all Methodism; supports four thousand missionary preachers, who are endeavoring to evangelize America, the master-key to the whole world; but he declared that the Woman's Home Missionary Society was *of* and *by* and *for* the laity. It was the only distinctly lay organization in the Methodist Church, was broad and simple in its constitution, and aimed to help all nationalities, and gleaned in the wake of the seventeen thousand preachers of our Church. He paid tribute to our paper, *Woman's Home Missions,* declaring it had the largest circulation of any woman's paper in the world, and closed his address by anticipating a closer relationship between the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mr. Francis L. Coppins, on being introduced, presented Mrs. Robinson

with the key to the city and considered himself highly honored on being selected to extend a welcome to delegates gathered from every State in the Union and from the islands of the sea. As representative of the Mayor he extended the sincere welcome of 425,000 Buffalonians to the city of beautiful residences, parks, schoolhouses, banks, charitable and fraternal organizations, and the home of two Presidents: Millard Fillmore and Grover Cleveland.

Rev. E. E. Helm presented the welcome from the thirty Methodist ministers of the city and said he honored the Woman's Home Missionary Society because it was composed of Christian women, saying "If you strip the world of its women you leave it poor indeed," and quoted passages from the Bible where Paul exhorted the people to "help those women." He said "the Church has done much for women, but woman hath done much for Christianity."

At this time all arose and joined in singing two verses of "Crown Him Lord of all." Mrs. Robinson introduced Rev. J. L. Sooy, D. D., District Superintendent of the Buffalo District, who extended a welcome from his district, which, he said, comprised the whole western section of the State of New York. Dr. Sooy, in referring to the meeting of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of a year ago in this city, said that a movement was on foot to put Home Missions on the same basis as Foreign Missions, and that the special meeting for this purpose had been postponed until after the Convention, believing that inspiration from this meeting would be very helpful.

Mrs. D. A. Minard, President of the Genesee Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, was greeted with great applause on her introduction as *"Our* Mrs. Minard," and esteemed it an honor and pleasure to extend greetings on behalf of the Auxiliaries of the Genesee Conference.

She spoke with pride on the "Queen City of the Lakes," with its large population made up of every nationality, and said that the deaconess work was solving the city problems better than any other agency, and that "your Society and my Society is the yeast leavening the dregs of the Nation."

Mrs. I. D. Reynolds, of Pasadena, Cal., in a most brilliant manner then responded to these addresses of welcome. She touched on many points brought out by the speakers preceding her, and kept the audience in a happy mood by relating incidents and stories to point her morals.

She declared that the Woman's Home Missionary Society was a growing power like the banyan tree, and was becoming conspicuous in every Church, in every calendar, and in every Church paper. She emphasized the great need to constantly keep the spiritual phase of our work uppermost. "Let England, if she will, be the greatest commercial power of the world; let Germany be the war power; let France stand for science, Italy for art, but let America stand before the world as the great mission power."

Mrs. Robinson requested all Conference Presidents to stand, and introduced Mrs. J. W. Price, of Detroit, who represented them in a two-minute speech.

On the introduction of Mrs. Hedley R. Woodward, of the Newark Conference, the Corresponding Secretaries arose and were greeted with applause, after which Mrs. Woodward spoke effectively.

Mrs. Anna Hobbs Woodcock, Chairman of the Mothers' Jewels Home, at York, Neb., represented the Bureau Secretaries in a few words, after which Mrs. M. E. Roberts, a Field Secretary of twenty years' experience, spoke of her department.

Miss Russell, of Browning Home, Camden, S. C., represented the missionaries. Miss Corbin spoke for the six hundred licensed deaconesses and probationers.

Miss Carrie Barge spoke for the Young People, whom she designated as the fundamental department of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, with its fifty thousand members in Queen Esther Circles and Bands.

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff spoke for the General Conference Divisions, and Mrs. I. D. Jones closed these two-minute addresses by representing the officers of the Society.

After the singing of a hymn, the recital of the Twenty-third Psalm, and the Lord's Prayer, Dr. B. F. Copeland pronounced the benediction, and the pleasant evening was brought to a close, and the occasion will remain as a delightful memory in the minds of the participants.

THURSDAY MORNING.

THE session opened with the First Vice-President, Mrs. William Christie Herron, Cincinnati, Ohio, in the chair.

The hymn "He leadeth me" was sung with faith in Divine leadership.

Mrs. Helen A. Dalby, of Rochester, N. Y., read for the Scripture lesson the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

Mrs. N. W. Bass, Cazenovia, N. Y., Field Secretary, brought us nearer the Throne of Grace with a petition that we be filled with the Spirit as a preparation for the work of this Society.

The minutes of Wednesday morning's session were presented by Mrs. Albright; those of Wednesday afternoon session by Mrs. Potter; and those of Wednesday evening by Mrs. D. D. Thompson, and adopted.

In accordance with the program and order of exercises the Convention then resolved itself into the Committee on Finance.

At 11.45 o'clock the Committee arose, and Mrs. Herron resumed the chair.

Miss Lillian E. Jones, Secretary of Young Women's Christian Asso-

ciation, was introduced and brought greetings expressing the belief that work without vision is drudgery. Vision without work is visionary; but work and vision together are missionary.

Mrs. Bishop Berry was introduced and cordially greeted.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, presented greetings from Mrs. James E. Gilbert as found in First Thessalonians, second and third verses, and sisterly greetings were voted sent in return.

The doxology was sung, and adjournment followed until 2 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

AT 2 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Robinson.

The devotional half hour was conducted by Miss Martha Van Marter. After the singing of the two hymns, "A charge to keep I have" and "Break Thou the Bread of Life," Miss Van Marter gave an inspiring and helpful Bible-reading, based on the coming of Christ's Kingdom. She closed the service with a tender, earnest prayer.

The introduction of the Field Secretaries was the first order of business, each Secretary being allowed four minutes in which to make a report of her year's duties and experiences.

Mrs. M. E. Roberts, of Lincoln, Neb., gave an interesting account of her labors in old New England and was followed by Mrs. Sarah F. Palmer, who gave many reminiscences of early days in the State of Maine.

Miss Bessie Garrison, Atlanta, Ga., spoke from her heart concerning the year's work among the colored Conferences. She said that one Conference that gave but a small sum last year, gave this year the sum of $100. The young women in the colored Conferences are being stirred to a deeper, keener interest in missionary work.

Mrs. Cotton Mather, Boulder, Colo., reported excellent success in her five months' service and related several very touching personal experiences.

Mrs. Frank E. Brush, of Southern California, in her itinerary on the Pacific Coast had for her motto of inspiration and courage, "Our prospects are as bright as the promises of God."

Mrs. N. W. Bass, Cazenovia, N. Y., a pioneer worker, again in the field, touched every heart with her earnest words. She reported one thousand new members for the Auxiliaries, one hundred new Queen Esther members, and eighty-three Mothers' Jewels.

At this point Miss Parker, a former missionary, was called to the platform and introduced. Miss Parker's long years of service include six years at Browning Home, Camden, S. C.; six years at Rust Home, Holly Springs, Miss.; six years in Mexico.

Miss Nellie Snider, from the "Land of the Dakotas," kept the Con-

vention wide-awake with her witty report. The organization of the Black Hills Conference was one of her trophies.

Mrs. Anna Onstott, Lawrence, Kan., gave a good report of work done in Kansas. Many pastors are in great need of supplies in certain sections of this State because of drought for four successive years.

Miss Josephine Corbin reported excellent results of her work on the Indian reservations in Northern Minnesota and in several small towns. She had traveled eighteen thousand miles and secured twelve hundred new members.

Mrs. Anna D. Elder said that she had not done very much field work the past year, but had sown good seed for the Home Missionary cause.

Miss Carrie Barge gave a glowing account of the great Northwest. Had just organized the Montana Conference. Traveled twenty-three thousand miles during her itinerary.

Mrs. C. L. Weaver also spoke of the great Northwest and of her pioneer experiences. The common greeting to her was, "O, if you had only come before!"

The two vacant chairs on the platform were to represent the absence of Mrs. May Cumisky Bliss and Miss Mary A. Mahon, both unable to be present.

Mrs. H. L. Hill, of New York, made an earnest appeal for the colored people of the Southland, in which territory she had labored the past year. She related a touching story that resulted in a collection to make Miss Eudora Hull a life-member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The collection amounted to fifty dollars. On motion of Mrs. J. A. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Perchment, it was voted that all money over the amount needed for the life-membership go to Cedar Town Settlement, Ga.

On motion of Mrs. George H. Thompson, and seconded by Mrs. I. D. Jones, the fifty dollars was ordered credited to the Richmond Avenue Auxiliary.

It was moved by Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff that an appreciative vote of thanks be extended to our noble company of Field Secretaries for their self-sacrifice and the heroic work they have done and are doing in the interest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The motion was carried with enthusiasm.

At this point Mrs. Coleman, fraternal delegate from the New York State Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was introduced and in a brief but eloquent address presented greetings from that body.

The tension of business was then relieved by a solo, Kipling's "Recessional," rendered in a most pleasing manner by Miss Frazier, of Plymouth Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church of Buffalo.

Next in order was an interesting item of business and courtesy combined, the introduction of the Conference Corresponding Secretaries. They were invited to the platform and each in turn presented to the Convention

by our President, Mrs. George O. Robinson, in her usual happy manner. Fully fifty Secretaries responded to this informal but very pleasing method of roll-call.

Mrs. Brush moved that a message of love and remembrance be sent to Mrs. S. W. Floyd, of the New England Conference. The motion prevailed.

On motion, made by Mrs. Heber D. Ketcham, a similar message was voted sent to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Troy, N. Y.; Mrs. G. E. Palen, Germantown, Pa.; Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Delaware, Ohio; Mrs. H. C. Hedges, Mansfield, Ohio; Mrs. J. R. Waters, 57 Hazelwood Avenue, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Edward H. Utley, 1085 Shady Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

The following greeting was read by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, from Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, President Emeritus: "Extend my most cordial greetings to every member of the Convention."

The following resolution, presented by Mrs. I. D. Jones, was adopted by unanimous vote:

Resolved, That the work of no Auxiliary be considered completed for the year until every member of the Church to which the Auxiliary belongs be personally invited to join the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

After the usual time for announcements, Dr. A. N. Fisher, associate pastor of First Church, Pasadena, Cal., was introduced and then pronounced the benediction.

Adjournment followed until 7.30 P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING.

THE session was devoted to a rally of the Young People, Mrs. Robinson presiding.

After the processional, in which visiting Secretaries, workers in our Young People's Department, and a large delegation of members from the local organizations united, carrying flags and banners and singing the "Forward" song of the Queen Esther Circles, Mrs. Daily called upon them to wave a salute to Mrs. Robinson.

Mrs. Clara L. Roach, of Washington, D. C., led in prayer, asking the blessing of our Father upon this band of consecrated workers.

Mrs. Helen Perullah Dye sang "A little bit of love" in a most touching manner.

Mrs. Robinson gave to the young workers a kindly word of greeting, urging them to co-operate with their General Secretary, who by her executive methods was placing their work on a higher plane, and enlisted their co-operation in all her plans and methods.

Mrs. David Daily, in replying, said it was the very pleasant duty of the Secretary to publicly acknowledge the cordial co-operation of her co-

laborers, who in the future would find it their privilege, responsibility, and joy to plan, direct, and carry forward the great work of this department.

The flag was again awarded to the Philadelphia Conference after having raised the largest amount of money—$3,356.10.

The banner for the largest gift of a Queen Esther Circle was awarded the Circle of Foundry Church, Washington, D. C. Amount raised, $930.86.

The banner for the largest proportionate increase was given to a Conference which has more than doubled its membership and has an increase of 159 per cent in its receipts—Indiana Conference.

Mrs. Dailey also reported work accomplished in connection with the Young Women's Christian Association in colleges, and mentioned favorably the work of Miss Barge, Mrs. Hill, and Miss Stacks at the Southern Conferences.

In closing, the Secretary urged Auxiliaries to give the new Secretaries of Young People's Work in their midst the benefit of their experience, and to the young people themselves she said, "Make the goal of yesterday the starting-point of to-morrow, because we go down from the mountain-top to-night to the plains of to-morrow, where souls are being lost perhaps because we have not done our part."

At the close of this most stirring report the audience joined in singing "America," the flag-bearer, Master Allen, inspiring all by the waving of our glorious flag.

Mrs. Robinson outlined a new departure in this department of work —the organization of young college women into Auxiliaries—and introduced Miss Emily Butterfield, Detroit, the first President of the first Auxiliary of this departure.

Miss Emily Butterfield in a pleasing manner outlined the purpose, growth, and possibilities resulting from the gathering in of young women trained to do things by years spent in classrooms. She stated that in all colleges Methodist women predominated and that in this first College Auxiliary members from fourteen colleges were represented, and while it had been said, "Nothing valuable is new, and nothing new is valuable," she felt this departure would prove the fallacy of this statement.

Miss Carrie Barge was presented, and the glad hand of welcome showed the place she held in the affection of our young people and all interested workers. She responded by saying, "I count myself happy to have a share in this meeting—the climax of a year's work." She spoke of the many forces at work in our great American Republic, our rivers, our forests, our toilers in our mines, the cultivation of our soil that is making the desert waste a veritable garden, and our intellectual, all necessary to the development of our Nation, but would not of themselves make a nation great. The Christian home was fundamental to the life of the Nation, and urged our workers to provide the safe home-life for the child. Miss Barge referred to a morning spent in the Juvenile Court in Sacramento, where the judge said in closing, "Women, provide

a pure home for the children, or the work of the Juvenile Court is lost." She quoted the trite old saying, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," and stated that our future leaders were now being rocked in the cradle, and urged us, for the sake of the next generation, to give them our watchful love and care.

In closing she appealed to our workers in this department to set their standard high, and as a result missionary character would be developed, they would be trained for leaders, would be saved from things not worth while, and would raise the money needed to make this department a strength to the organization.

Mrs. Dailey at this time presented to the workers Mrs. George Searles, Secretary of Young People in Genesee Conference: Mrs. Delia L. Williams, of Delaware, Ohio, "who directs us so wisely;" Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Cincinnati, Ohio, who was one of the first to consider this department of our Woman's Home Missionary Society; Mrs. George H. Thompson, Cincinnati, Ohio, who so safely guards our treasury; and Mrs. Hill, Miss Stacks, and Miss Chadwick, who have been helpful in developing the department.

Lines written for the closing hymn were sung, and Dr. Sooy pronounced the benediction. The meeting adjourned until Friday, 9 A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING.

THE Convention reassembled for business at 9 o'clock, with the President, Mrs. George O. Robinson, in the chair.

"Faith of our fathers! living still" was sung, and Mrs. E. M. Mills, of Syracuse, N. Y., conducted the devotional services.

Her theme was the great love of Christ for His members, taught us in many ways during His life.

The Savior was the greatest Teacher the world ever had. He knew man thoroughly; knew his strength, knew his weakness, knew his heart longings, and had the gifts to supply these needs. He had a perfect knowledge of nature. His eyes were open to the beautiful world of nature. He spent a great deal of time on the mountain, in the wilderness, in the garden, and by the sea. He possessed that wonderful faculty of tracing analogies between natural and spiritual things. He compared Christians to salt, to light, etc.

If He is King, we are His subjects; if He is Shepherd, we are the sheep. If He is Head, we are the members. If He is the Vine, we are the branches. Branches are not for symmetry of form or for shade only, but for bearing fruit.

Mrs. Mills then read the "Parable of the Vine and Its Branches," as found in the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of St. John.

Mrs. C. E. Moggs, President of the Wyoming Conference Society, led in earnest prayer.

The minutes of Thursday morning session were presented by Mrs. Aiken, those of Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Reynolds, and those of Thursday evening by Mrs. Nason, and adopted.

Mrs. D. A. Minard introduced our hostesses with pleasant words of their individual capacity of service, and they were warmly greeted.

The Convention then adjourned in favor of a meeting of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance arose before 12 o'clock, and the President, Mrs. Robinson, took the chair.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Kansas Conference, Mrs. C. L. Layton, who had just arrived, and Mrs. Elizabeth Thorston, of the Central Swedish Mission, were introduced by the President and warmly greeted.

The Rev. Claudius B. Spencer, D. D., Editor of the *Central Christian Advocate,* was presented by Mrs. Robinson as a former pupil and made facetious remarks about the trembling of his whole body when he met his old teacher of French. He spoke encouragingly of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, said that one-fourth of all missionary work in the United States was done by the Methodist Church, and of this a great proportion was due to the work of the women.

After notices were given, Dr. Spencer pronounced the benediction, and the meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

TO open the service, "All hail the power of Jesus' name" was sung. Further devotions were in charge of Mrs. Emma Turney, Superintendent of the Buffalo Deaconess Home.

The theme for the hour was Consecration for Service, and lessons were drawn from the Old Testament Scriptures. The life of David, with its triumph and disappointment in that he was not permitted to complete the house of the Lord, though he had gathered the precious things needed for its building, were used to show his final acquiescence in the Divine will. Moses had set his heart upon going into the promised land. God said no; but He had prepared a better thing for him. Moses should give Joshua a charge, write a song of triumph, bless Israel, and then go up into the mountain to meet the will of God.

Joshua, a warrior in all his soul, needed a vision to learn that Jehovah would lead the hosts of Israel, and his consecration for service was repeated again and again as God led His people step by step into Canaan.

Prayer was offered for a large preparation of heart and soul for the work of advancing Christ's Kingdom.

"Swing low, sweet chariot," was sung, to the delight of the audience, by representatives from the colored Conferences.

Miss Viola Baldwin, missionary at Haven Home, Savannah, Ga., since 1882, was presented and spoke of the work at that point. She paid tribute to the beautiful character of the Negro girls she had come to love, and made an earnest appeal for more room and more money, in order that the Home might receive the worthy applicants in waiting.

Mrs. Jacob Bernheim, of Chicago, spoke of the work among the Jewish people in connection with Marcy Home, and asked that we do not forget to pray "for the peace of Jerusalem." She reminded us that Jesus came to the Jews as the Messiah, but to us as our Savior, and stated that only five missionaries were trying to make Him known as the Savior among the 250,000 Jews in Chicago.

Miss Fannie C. Boddington, of Watts de Peyster Home, Tivoli, N. Y., who had served as mother there to the sixty children ranging from four to eighteen years of age, told of the love of the teachers for their work and their efforts to benefit these children physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Miss Carrie Davis, of the Chinese Home, Berkeley, Cal., gave pathetic instances connected with the rescue work they are doing and of the helpfulness of the judges when cases were in court. On one such occasion, when she had been told that she would have stars in her crown, she had said that the judge would also have them; and the reply was made that she would have constellations. She now brought these constellations to lay them at the feet of the women of our Society, that they in turn might lay them at the Savior's feet.

The report from the several Deaconess Bureaus being called, Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Secretary of the Eastern Bureau, spoke of the eleven institutions and nine stations of her Bureau. She called attention to the thirty or more deaconesses present, representing the hundreds working in this department, saying that they were on no pinnacle, but were ours for use, for service, for love and care. (See Report.)

Mrs. J. F. Mund, Secretary of the Central Bureau, after speaking of the habit of most of the Homes in the Bureau of depending upon the local Church and Auxiliaries for maintenance, gave the plan adopted by the Cleveland Home, which has proved so successful. A central compaign committee of seven were elected, who organized a staff of speakers and secured a morning service in the churches of the city, where the work was presented and pledge cards for its support distributed. The plan had proved eminently successful and the Board of Management were relieved from all financial anxiety. (See Report.)

Mrs. J. W. Bush, Secretary of the Western Bureau, in speaking on

the topic, "How young women can be influenced to become deaconesses," said the many women who are burdened with family cares could not answer calls to service, but who might carry Martha's message, "The Master has come, and calleth for thee," to younger women less hampered. She urged that all avenues of approach to such in daily life should be improved, and by so doing, many workers might be secured who would help answer the prayer, "Thy Kingdom come." (See Report.)

Mrs. John Stevens, Secretary of the Pacific Coast Bureau, presented the thought that "the deaconess is as worthy of support as the pastor." Mrs. Stevens said the problem of to-day includes the Christianizing of America as well as of Africa and Asia, and that a mother from a supposedly heathen land had expressed her desire to take her children back to her native land in order that they might be under strictly Christian influences. She called attention to the fact that among our foreign populations, some of whom are heathen, there are forms of ministry that only consecrated womanhood could perform, and she claimed for them the same reliable support given the pastors of our Churches. (See Report.)

Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, Secretary of the Bureau for the Supervision of Colored Deaconesses, had chosen for her topic the question, "How can we make the training given girls in our Homes concrete?" That is, what steps could be taken to make it possible to open our Training School at Nashville? And for this she made an impassioned appeal. (See Report.)

Mrs. B. S. Potter spoke of the deaconess work in Utah and declared it to be just as beautiful, just as persistent, just as loyal as that of any other Bureau. (See Report.)

A solo, "Consider, and hear me," was beautifully rendered by Dr. Alfred Wooler.

A paper on the "Permanent Deaconess Fund," containing a statement of the condition of this fund and valuable suggestions as to its increase, was read by Miss Fannie Cummings, Treasurer. (See Report.)

Instruction was given that all contributions to this fund should be sent to the Detroit Office, and not to the General Treasurer.

The large number of deaconesses upon the platform was called upon in turn for a word of experience or exhortation.

One was happy in being a mother to helpless orphan children, one not able to perform the usual deaconess work fund compensation in the associations of other work. Many said that the last year had been the happiest year of their lives, and expressed a desire for longer service. And so the story of effort and sacrifice, of pleasure and full reward until the time appointed, was exhausted.

Mrs. D. A. Minard, Chairman of the Committee on National Training Schools, reported three well-developed schools—one an infant, the McCrum Training School for Slavs—the whole making a most inspiring and

encouraging report as to the satisfactory work and the prospect for enlargement.

Rev. Dr. Wilder, President of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School, was presented and addressed the Convention. He said that the world needs Christ more than all things else. Philosophers had said that the world needed more to be taught that Christ had not only lived and taught, but that He still lives and is moving among men in saving power; that, while he believed in religious ecstasy on "Mounts of Transfiguration," he regarded such privileges only a preparation for the help to be given the helpless multitudes at the foot of the mountain. He spoke of the preparation of the disciples for the fulfilling of the great commission on the day of Pentecost with its gift of power, and hoped that in the joy and inspiration of this meeting power should be obtained for the task of to-day just as great. Mention was made of the years of training of God's servants in ancient times, and Dr. Wilder pleaded that the time of training of our missionaries and deaconesses for the task of to-day should not be too limited. He trusted that if the language of our hearts were, "It is good to be here," we should go out seeing the helpless multitudes who have no such vision of our Christ. He prayed that more and more the Christian spirit that sees in every person, even the meanest, the likeness of Christ should abound among us.

A vote of thanks was given the heirs of Mr. Schellkoph for a gift of $5,000 to the Kansas City Training School.

On motion, the time for receiving recommendations for change of By-Laws was extended.

Notices were given, the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Wilder, and adjournment followed until 7.30 P. M.

FRIDAY EVENING.

THE session was called to order at 9 o'clock by the President, Mrs. Robinson. Dr. Wilder, of Washington, D. C., conducted the devotional exercises.

Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft, Superintendent of the Department of Deaconess Work, expressed her desire to waive her place on the program in order to give the audience the pleasure of hearinv Bishop Berry. (See Report.)

Mrs. Robinson then called upon Bishop Berry, who made an address touching his work as a member of the Deaconess Board, and expressed the wish that many more young women might present themselves for the deaconess work. He said the doors were opening more and more for these devoted young women. One of the pleasant features of this meeting was the presence of the white ties.

A lecture was given by Miss Troyer, with views illustrating the work of the deaconess in Sioux City, Iowa. As object lessons they were convincing and instructive, and the audience evidenced its great interest in these pictures.

Miss Winetta Stacks, Assistant Superintendent of the Philadelphia Deaconess Home, gave a number of most interesting views of the work of our settlement in the district of Philadelphia.

Dr. McGurk pronounced the benediction, and adjournment followed until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

THE session was called to order at 9 o'clock by the president, Mrs. Robinson. Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, the Fourth Vice-President, conducted the devotional services. Two stanzas of the hymn, "Take the name of Jesus with you," were sung.

Mrs. Park said to her these moments of devotion at the opening of each session were not a perfunctory service, but that through quiet worship we might gather strength for the day's duties. She read Psalm One Hundred and Three, which, she said, Mrs. Bottome—who in life was the marvelous leader of the King's Daughters—called her "bunch of forget-me-nots." Mrs. Park said we also claim this: To love Christ is life, to leave Him is death, to follow Him is delight.

Volunteer passages of Scripture were invited, to which Mrs. Clara L. Roach and Mrs. Margaret Delight Moors responded. The helpful service closed with the singing of the first and third stanzas of "Blest be the tie that binds."

The President, in resuming the chair, said, "This expresses the sisterhood of our Society—we do share each other's joy and sorrow, and while we can not all look at questions, intellectually alike, we can all be "one in Christ Jesus."

The minutes of Friday morning were read by Mrs. Aiken, those of Friday afternoon by Mrs. Albright, and those of Friday evening by Mrs. Aiken, and adopted.

Mrs. Rhone moved that the order of the program be reconsidered, and the motion prevailed.

Mrs. D. D. Thompson moved that the order of the hour from ten to eleven be devoted to the work of the Finance Committee. Carried.

The Convention then adjourned for the work of the Finance Committee.

The Committee rose at 11.45 o'clock. A gracious surprise awaited the quiet of the house. Mr. and Mrs. William L. Sykes, of Buffalo, whose hospitality during the Convention knew no limit, were introduced. Mrs.

Robinson said that Mr. and Mrs. Sykes were of the staunch Methodists of Buffalo, honored and loved by all.

The brotherliness of Mr. Sykes was shown by giving $300 to constitute Mrs. Sykes an Honorary Life Patron of our Society. Mr. Sykes desired the money to be distributed as follows: $150 to the Buffalo Deaconess Home, to be used among foreigners in this city; $50 to be used for settlement work at Cedartown, Ga.; $50 for the Immigrant Home Building Fund, East Boston, and $50 for the Japanese work in Tacoma.

Mrs. Wm. Christie Herron read the following telegram, which was received with manifest pleasure, and, on motion, the President was requested to respond:

The Corresponding Secretaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Annual Session in Boston send greetings. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work.

MRS. W. F. MCDOWELL, *President.*

Mrs. Kent was invited to accompany Mrs. Rose Gregory Houchin, of Washington, D. C., to the platform. Mrs. Robinson, in introducing Mrs. Houchin, said she was a graduate of Albion College, greatly respected and beloved. Mrs. Houchin had read in *Woman's Home Missions* an appeal for the erection of a building in El Paso, Texas, for settlement work among Spanish girls. To this appeal Mrs. Houchin responded by a gift of $1,000. The building will bear Mrs. Houchin's full name.

Mrs. Dan B. Brummitt, of Rock River Conference, offered the following:

Resolved, That the question of General Divisions be made the order of the day Monday morning immediately following the reading of the minutes.

A rising vote was taken, which resulted in forty-five for and twenty-eight against its adoption. The affirmative vote was declared by the chair.

The President asked how many Bureau Secretaries present were willing to omit the reading of their Bureau reports in order that more time might be given to hearing the visiting missionaries and to cover the extra time voted the Finance Committee. A number of Secretaries cheerfully waived the privilege of presenting their reports.

The President led in the repetition of the prayer of "Mizpah," and adjournment was had until Monday A. M. at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

THE excursion to Niagara Falls was enjoyable despite the downpour of rain part of the time.

SATURDAY EVENING.

BISHOP AND MRS. JOSEPH F. BERRY opened their beautiful home for a reception to the Board of Managers, guests, visitors, hostesses, ministers, and their wives, from eight to ten o'clock. A throng of delightful people partook of the gracious hospitality of the beloved host and hostess amidst the fragrance of flowers and strains of music.

SUNDAY MORNING.

THE Anniversary sermon was delivered by the Rev. Clarence E. Allen, D. D., pastor of the Richmond Avenue Church, to a large and deeply interested audience, taking for his text 2 Corinthians 8:9, and Philippians 2:5. His theme was "The Task and the Passion." He said in part:

The Babe of Bethlehem was a golden ray of celestial light that shall fill with glory the darkest recesses of this earth. A vast task to speak a sinful race into life. God faced the emergency of man's fall without flinching. Man could not rise to God; God must stoop to man. Our task is to co-operate with God to save the race. The key to the cipher of human sin was the Word (John 1:1, 14). The unfolding plan of God is seen in the life of the Word. We must have His mind if we are to face our task intelligently. Christianity makes the world better materially and morally, but the one sublime purpose of Christ is to save from sin. No one ever wrought for God who did not pour himself out for others. Service is the compelling word of our day. Subjective experience may inspire us, but service vindicates Christ in us. The task is ours. To meet it we must have the passion.

Underneath the consciousness of the Christ rested a sublime sentiment. 'For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.' Grace flowing from compassion flowing from love. We now touch the depths. We can rightly serve only whom we love. We can love the unlovely only as we clamber upon the cross and from that eminence look through the Savior's eyes. We must catch His passion. As Moses did (Exodus 32:32). As Paul did (Romans 9:3). No other sentiment can atone for the loss of this.

We are proud to think of the great Society met here as concreting the Christ to needy men. As unfolding the mind of the Master to the Nation that is to lead a world to God. As the lens may be so manipulated as to dissolve one view into another, so may the world behold this Society dissolved into the figure of the Christ ministering to humanity.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

THE children's mass meeting under the skillful direction of Miss Alice M. Guernsey, Secretary for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, was held in the spacious audience room of the Delaware Avenue Church, crowded with seventeen hundred representatives of Home Guards, Mothers' Jewels, and Sunday schools of Buffalo. Fifteen schools were indicated by their indexed flags, and not only the children, but adult classes, officers, teachers, and pastors were in the imposing marching line.

Greetings by Master Charles Allen, songs and descriptive exercises by Jewels and Home Guards, a recitation, solo, and demonstration exercises presenting "They Who Need and They Who Help," with addresses by several of our active workers, made up a fine program.

VESPER SERVICE.

AT 4.30 the Vesper Service at the Delaware Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted by Mrs. David Dailey, Jr., Secretary for Young People's Work, was a season of uplift. The theme was, "Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits" (Psa. 68: 19).

Miss Bessie Franc Brown, the missionary to the Navajo Indians, in her prayer brought all near the throne of grace, after which "Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee" was sung.

Miss Ella Chadwick in her testimony gave evidence of a special call to work among young people.

Miss Stacks presented the call to service, pleading with the girls to turn from lives of indifference and enter into the blessed service of Christ.

Miss Carrie Barge told her story of the vision that had come to her before she entered the work, and as she painted the picture in words one could see the hand of God leading. She urged the girls to consecrate their time and talents to Him who only could bring comfort and satisfaction. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." Silent prayer followed and a solemn hush brooded over all as the young people silently wended their way out into the twilight.

SUNDAY EVENING.

THE Anniversary of the Society was held in the Convention Church with a large audience in attendance.

The President, Mrs. George O. Robinson, took charge of the service.

After an organ prelude, Gounod's anthem, "Send out the light," was given by the choir.

Responsive Scripture reading was led by Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Recording Secretary.

The hymn "All hail the power of Jesus' name" was sung, and the pastor, the Rev. Clarence E. Allen, D. D., led in prayer.

"A Five Minutes Review of the Work of the Year" was given by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Delia L. Williams.

Mrs. George H. Thompson, the Treasurer, submitted a brief summary of the financial resources.

The Anniversary Address was delivered by Bishop Joseph F. Berry. (See Address.)

The hymn "Lead us, O King Eternal," was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Berry.

MONDAY MORNING.

THE meeting was called to order promptly by the President. Three verses of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," were sung, after which Mrs. Robinson gave as the keynote of the session these verses: "Great peace have they who love Thy law" and "The Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward."

A prayer for guidance for the arduous duties of the morning was voiced by Mrs. N. W. Bass, after which the minutes of Saturday morning were read by Mrs. Potter, and adopted.

Mrs. D. L. Williams reported the receipt of a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth B. Green, of Rochester, N. Y., for many years Secretary of the Finance Committee, and, on motion, Mrs. Williams was requested to send greetings of the Convention to her.

On motion, the delegates from the California Conference were instructed to carry greetings to Rev. F. D. Bovard, D. D., editor of the *California Christian Advocate,* who is a loyal friend of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The delegates from the Holston Conference were also instructed to convey the loving remembrance of the Convention to Mrs. W. F. Anderson.

The Recording Secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Della C. Geggie, Reserve Field Secretary.

Mrs. Aiken spoke of the absence of Mrs. W. T. Brown, Associate Manager, and the Indiana delegation was instructed to convey the greetings of the Convention to her.

The President then announced that the order of the day—the "Consideration of General Divisions"—would be taken up. Mrs. Woodruff, the Chairman of the Sub-committee, asked that she be permitted to submit the following:

"Because of the general misapprehension concerning the subject of General Divisions presented and acted upon in the Annual Meeting last year, I move that the entire action be rescinded." Carried unanimously.

Mrs Potter moved that the Committee on General Divisions be dissolved, with appreciation of their arduous labors in this behalf. Carried.

Miss Barge moved a resolution of sympathy to Miss N. Elizabeth Evans on account of the translation of her mother. Carried.

The following recommendation from the Board of Trustees, on motion of Mrs. Aiken, was referred to the Committee on By-Laws: "That the work of Ritter Home, Athens, Tenn., and Clarkson, Miss., be incorporated in one Bureau, to be known as the Bureau for White Work in Tennessee and Mississippi, and that Mrs. I. D. Jones be Chairman of the work for colored girls in E. L. Rust Home, Holly Springs, Miss."

Mrs. McCarty reported the action of the Board of Trustees recommending the name of Georgia be added to the Bureau for White Work in Alabama and North Carolina. This was referred to the By-Laws Committee.

Mrs. Minard presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on By-Laws:

"The National Training School Committee shall consist of a Chairman elected by the Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, of the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, of the General Superintendent of Deaconess Work, of the Chairman of the Missionary Candidates Committee, of the Chairman of the National Hospital Committee, and of one member at large appointed from the Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and of three members within the territory of the Deaconess Bureau wherein each training school is located, one of whom shall be ex-officio the Secretary of said Bureau, and the other two from neighboring Conferences, outside the Conference in which the training school is located, who shall be elected by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society at the time of election of the Chairman and the National Training School Committee."

Mrs. Robinson announced that Rev. Benjamin Copeland had written a poem, dedicating it to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and, on motion, it was accepted with thanks and decided that it should be sung at the evening meeting.

Mrs. D. B. Street, Chairman of the Enrollment Committee, then presented the following report, which was accepted: The representation included four General Officers, four Vice-Presidents, ten Managers, three Associate Managers, nineteen Bureau Secretaries, one Associate Secretary, one Editor, one Publisher, ten Field Secretaries, one Field Secretary for Young People, sixty-eight Conferences, fifty-seven Conference Corresponding Secretaries, fifty-one Conference delegates, thirty-eight Young People's delegates, fifteen delegates from Deaconess Homes, five Chairmen of Homes, one Chairman of National Training Schools, three Chairmen of Standing Committees, fourteen missionaries, thirteen deaconesses, one hundred and sixty-six visitors. (See list of visitors.)

ENROLLMENT

General Officers.—Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, Mrs. D. L. Williams, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Wm. Christie Herron, Mrs. Wilbur P. Thirkield, Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Mrs. Mary Fisk Park.

Managers.—Mrs. I. D. Jones, Mrs. D. D. Thompson, Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Mrs. P. D. Perchment, Mrs. Anna Kent, Mrs. O. P. McCarty, Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft, Mrs. W. F. Robertson, Mrs. E. L. Albright, Mrs. J. W. Gosling, Mrs. H. C. Jennings.

Associate Managers.—Mrs. John Neff, Mrs. D. B. Street, Mrs. D. L. Rhone.

Bureau Secretaries.—Mrs. S. K. Burnett, Mrs. L. H. Bunyan, Mrs. H. T. Dennis, Mrs. H. C. Ketcham, Mrs. E. L. Knostman, Mrs. L. G. Murphy, Mrs. B. S. Potter, Miss Katherine Bassett, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Mrs. J. H. Parsons, Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Mrs. J. F. Mund, Mrs. J. W. Bush, Mrs. John Stephens, Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, Mrs. J. E. Piatt, Mrs. C. B. Perkins, Mrs. E. Y. King, Mrs. I. J. Reynolds.

Associate Bureau Secretary.—Mrs. R. H. Young.

Chairman of National Training Schools.—Mrs. D. A. Minard.

Chairmen of Standing Committees on Homes.—Mrs. Anna H. Woodcock, Mrs. Frank Norton, Mrs. D. Jewell Durrell, Mrs. A. W. Conklin, Mrs. S. W. Davis.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—Mrs. I. C. McDowell, Mrs. Mary C. Hickman, Mrs. Carrie E. Cope.

Secretary of Literature and Reading Circles.—Mrs. Cotton Mather.

Editor Woman's and Children's Home Missions.—Miss Martha Van Marter.

Publisher.—Miss Mary Belle Evans.

Field Secretaries.—Mrs. M. E. Roberts, Mrs. N. W. Bass, Miss Josephine Corbin, Miss Mary A. Mahon, Miss Nellie Snider, Mrs. H. L. Hill, Mrs. Anna O. Clark, Mrs. F. C. Bush, Miss Bessie Garrison, Mrs. May Comisky Bliss, Mrs. Anna Onstott.

Field Secretary for Young People's Work.—Miss Carrie Barge.

Secretary of Finance Committee.—Mrs. S. J. Turner.

President Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School.—Rev. W. H. Wilder, D. D.

CONFERENCES:

Alabama.—Mrs. Anna D. Elder.*

Atlanta.—Miss Flora Mitchell.*

Baltimore.—Mrs. C. L. Roach,* Mrs. Frank T. Israel,† Miss Ada Stinemetz,§ Helen D. Evans.‡

Black Hills Mission.—Mrs. E. B. Dolliver.*

California.—Mrs. E. R. Willis.*

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§Young People's Delegate.

Central Illinois.—Mrs. I. M. Eastman,* Mrs. Richard Crewes,† Miss Ellen G. Taylor.§
Central Missouri.—Mrs. A. M. Packard.*
Central New York.—Mrs. W. H. Peck,* Mrs. M. E. Howland,† Mrs. F. M. Williams.§
Central Ohio.—Mrs. D. M. Bailey,* Mrs. J. W. Holland,† Miss Mabel Hoy.§
Central Pennsylvania.—Mrs. B. E. Staples,* Mrs. E. R. Hickman,† Helen L. McFarland.§
Central Swedish.—Mrs. Elizabeth Thorson.†
Cincinnati.—Mrs. C. F. Thirkield,* Mrs. J. M. Chancellor,† Miss Mary Clingeman.§
Columbia River.—Mrs. L. V. Wells.*
Delaware.—Mrs. L. A. Pullett,* Mrs. M. J. O'Connell.†
Des Moines.—Mrs. A. E. Griffith,* Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth,† Mrs. Emah Kellogg,§ Miss Fannie Jay.‡
Detroit.—Mrs. C. M. Thompson,† Mrs. D. G. Renton,§ Mrs. J. W. Price.‡
East Ohio.—Mrs. M. H. Nason,* Mrs. H. F. Millhoff,† Mrs. C. C. Waltenbaugh,§ Miss Jean Orem.‡
Erie—Mrs. D. H. Hill,* Mrs. Anna Poppino,† Mrs. H. H. Barr.§
Genesee.—Mrs. Daniel Smith,* Mrs. W. F. Brand,† Mrs. Sanford Lewis,§ Mrs. W. H. Collins.‡
Holston.—Mrs. J. M. Plyly.*
Illinois.—Mrs. S. A. Bullard,* Mrs. S. L. Payne.†
Indiana.—Mrs. A. Stratford,* Mrs. J. B. Allgire,† Miss L. Stephenson.§
Iowa.—Mrs. Naomi Day.*
Kansas.—Mrs. Carrie Layton,* Mrs. E. L. Barnes.†
Lexington.—Mrs. J. P. Monroe,* Mrs. Martha Sissle,† Mrs. V. E. Courtney.§
Little Rock.—Mrs. G. N. Johnson,* Mrs. G. A. Gray.†
Maine.—Mrs. George R. Palmer.*
Michigan.—Mrs. F. A. Hall,* Mrs. F. A. Prindle,† Mrs. Grace Peck,§ Mrs. Hartshorn.‡
Minnesota.—Mrs. G. F. Jennings,* Mrs. H. O. Helgson,† Miss E. Wilbur.§
Montana.—Mrs. N. E. Church.*
Nebraska.—Clara L. Dobson.§
Newark.—Mrs. Hedley R. Woodward,* Mrs. W. R. Doremus,† Mrs. A. E. Kline.‡
New England.—Mrs. G. E. Parkes,* Mrs. Hattie B. Cooper.†
New England Southern.—Mrs. Albert Rogers,* Mrs. Walter Buck.†
New Hampshire.—Mrs. E. B. Savage,* Miss Mary E. Waugh,† Mrs. W. L. Thompson.§
New Jersey.—Mrs. Wesley B. Stout,* Mrs. J. Morgan Reed,† Lillian Bowen.§

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New York.—Mrs. F. H. Baragwanath,* Mrs. C. S. Williams,† Miss Dedrick.§

New York East.—Mrs. Lillian Leonard Slack,* Mrs. A. B. Sanford,† Ella M. Chadwick,§ Mrs. J. O. Peck.‡

North Dakota.—Mrs. F. W. Heidel.*

North Indiana.—Mrs. A. B. Cline,* Mrs. J. Niblick,† Miss Elsie Partridge.§

North Ohio.—Mrs. M. W. Reese,* Mrs. A. M. Mattison,† Mrs J. W. Dowds.§

Northern Minnesota.—Mrs. S. J. Weeks,* Mrs. J. E. Goodman,† Mrs. Arthur Dean,§ Bertha Ridge.‡

Northern New York.—Mrs. A. C. Danforth,* Mrs. J. C. Rossman,† Mrs. R. H. Snider.§

Northwest Indiana.—Mrs. D. M. Wood,* Mrs. Myron Campbell,† Mrs. W. Bent. Wilson.§

Northwest Iowa.—Miss Minnie Elizabeth Hickman.*

Northwest Kansas.—Mrs. Isaiah McDowell,* Mrs. Daniel Onstott.§

Ohio.—Mrs. E. W. Seeds,* Mrs. C. E. Truethart,† Miss Ella Ely.§

Oklahoma.—Mrs. J. F. Warren,* Mrs. L. C. Moore.†

Oregon.—Mrs. C. L. Weaver.†

Philadelphia—Mrs. Seymour Eaton,† Mrs. E. J. Rooksby.§

Pittsburg—Mrs. J. R. Brown,† Mrs. H. M. Cameron,§ Mrs. M. L. Boswell,‡ Mrs. E. M. Balsinger.

Puget Sound.—Miss Alice Hawthorne.§

Rock River.—Mrs. J. B. Gascoigne,* Mrs. A. B. Jones,† Mrs. Dan B. Brummitt.§

St. Louis.—Mrs. C. B. Spencer,* Mrs. C. O. Davis,† Miss Edna Crowder,§ Miss A. M. Garretson.‡

South Kansas.—Miss Mary A. Smith,* Mrs. L. A. McKeever,† Mrs. W. B. Burns.§

Southern California.—Mrs. S. S. Holmes,† Mrs. E. L. Miller,§ Mrs. S. M. Kiser.‡

Southern Illinois.—Mrs. Olive S. Bower.†

Southwest Kansas.—Miss Nettie Tedrick,* Mrs. J. W. Kirkwood,† Miss Bertha Kirkwood,§ Mrs. W. B. Burns.‡

Troy.—Mrs. M. B. Hutton,* Mrs. W. A. Cary,† Mrs. John Duffield,§ Miss M. E. Whitehead.‡

Upper Iowa.—Mrs. W. C. Hayward,* Mrs. R. B. Van Ness,† Miss Alice B. Noble.§

Upper Mississippi.—Mrs. A. S. Gray,* Mrs. M. E. Ferguson.†

Vermont.—Mrs. V. A. Irish.*

Washington.—Mrs. S. B. Holmes,* Mrs. E. J. Cummings.†

West Virginia.—Pearl Dorsey,* Miss Leota Wilson.§

West Wisconsin.—Miss Carrie Hazzard.*

Wilmington.—Mrs. E. L. Welden,* Mrs. W. H. Clayton.†

Wisconsin.—Mrs. John Taylor,* Mrs. A. J. Benjamin.†

Wyoming.—Mrs. C. E. Stephens,† Mrs. L. G. Leacock.§

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Mrs. Aiken called attention to a mistake in printing the program. Mrs. Ampt having resigned, the vacancy was filled by the election of Mrs. H. C. Jennings as Trustee, and her name should have been printed on the program.

The constituency of the Board of Managers was read by Mrs. Aiken; also order of procedure for the election as culled from the Rules of the General Conference of 1908 and adopted by the Annual Meeting of last year.

Mrs. John Stephens, of the California Conference, then read the list of Tellers from following Conferences: Mrs. D. B. Street, Baltimore; Mrs. K. S. Burnett, Philadelphia; Mrs. J. W. Bush, St. Louis; Mrs. J. R. Brown, Pittsburg; Mrs. W. H. Clayton, Wilmington; Mrs. R. B. Van Ness, Upper Iowa; Mrs. R. H. Snyder, Northern New York; Mrs. Morgan Reed, New Jersey; Mrs. A. B. Sanford, New York East; Mrs. W. Bent Wilson, Northern Indiana; Mrs. Dan Brummitt, Rock River; Mrs. W. F. Brand, Genesee; Mrs. W. A. Steinmetz, Baltimore; Mrs. E. L. Miller, Southern California; Miss Ella Chadwick, New York East.

On motion of Mrs. Woodruff, these Tellers were elected.

Mrs. E. Jean Oram, of East Ohio Conference, presented the following resolution, which was adopted and referred to By-Laws Committee:

"In order to facilitate the annual election of officers and to save time now devoted to instructions to this body, I move that hereafter, at the Annual Meeting, printed instructions be prepared and presented to the delegates on the morning of the day of election or on one day previous to the election."

Mrs. Woodward moved that if upon the nominating ballot a member receive a majority of all ballots for any office, she be declared elected to that office. Carried.

Mrs. Albright moved that the bar of election be made to include the first eight pews in front. Carried.

The President then handed the gavel to the First Vice-President, Mrs. William Christie Herron, who was to conduct the election for President.

Prayer was offered by Miss Van Marter.

The voting body arose, and numbered two hundred and eighteen. The tellers passed the ballots, afterwards collecting them, and retired.

Ballots were then distributed for First Vice-President, and the body instructed to cast their votes for that office.

The program was resumed while awaiting the result of ballots taken.

Mrs. Woodruff, in speaking of the George O. Robinson Orphanage, San Juan, P. R., said that during the past year the children had been blessed in health. A hurricane had blown off the roof of the Home, and for once in their lives thirty of the children were thoroughly soaked, but it did them no harm. They have nine children under seven years old. The question uppermost in mind is, What is to become of the children

after leaving the Orphanage? They are hoping that avenues of usefulness may be opened for these girls now being trained in the Christian life. (See Report.)

The Cunningham Orphanage was represented by Mrs. Conklin, who reported one hundred and three children in the Home, the youngest being only three weeks old. She said that institution was solving the problems for the care of children in a successful way. (See Report.)

The Chairman of tellers, Mrs. Stevens, then brought the result of the first ballot, which was announced by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aiken. Number votes cast, 218. Mrs. Robinson received 202, Mrs. Thirkield, 12; scattering, 4.

Mrs. Robinson was declared elected, and presented by Mrs. Herron.

Mrs. Robinson in a graceful way assured the delegates that her object the coming year would be to perform the duties of the office in the fear of God, to favor none, to be against none, to be impartial to all.

Mrs. George S. Searle, in behalf of the Genesee Conference, presented Mrs. Robinson an immense cluster of yellow chrysanthemums, which were accepted with thanks by our President.

Mrs. Perchment, as Chairman of the Elizabeth Bradley Home, gave her report, and asked a conditional appropriation of $4,000 for the Baby Home, cared for by the Young Woman's Guild of Grace Church, Pittsburg, Pa. Granted. (See Report.)

The result of the ballot for First Vice-President was then announced by the Recording Secretary, as follows: Number of votes cast, 213; for Mrs. Wm. Christie Herron, 177; Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, 19; scattering, 17.

The President declared Mrs. Herron elected First Vice-President, and presented her to the Convention. Mrs. Herron thanked the women, and said she wanted to renew her allegiance to the Society and to help in every way she could.

Rev. J. E. Williams, D. D., District Superintendent of the Central District of Genesee Conference, was presented, after which Dr. W. R. Brown, a pastor of one of the city Churches, pronounced the benediction, and the session adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

THE meeting was called to order by Mrs. William Christie Herron, First Vice-President. The devotional half hour was led by Mrs. Clara L. Roach, Washington, D. C. After the singing of two hymns, "I need Thee every hour" and "Come, my soul, thy suit prepare," Mrs. Roach led in an earnest prayer.

The hymn, "Take the name of Jesus with you," was sung, and Mrs. Roach gave a brief talk on the theme, "The Upper Room," exhorting all

to see to it that in the heart there is ever kept the upper room for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The President, Mrs. Robinson, at this point resumed the chair and declared the first order of business to be the nomination of Second Vice-President.

The voters numbered 202 present, later increased to 208. The ballot was taken and the tellers withdrew.

Mrs. Frank Norton, Chairman of the Committee on Watts De Peyster Home, gave an excellent report of that institution. Report accepted. (See Report.)

The Mothers' Jewels Home was reported by the Chairman of the Commitee, Mrs. Anna Hobbs Woodcock, showing fine work for its boys and girls. (See Report.)

At this point a motion was made by Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson that we rescind the action of last Annual Meeting of Board of Managers, when we voted to place the money—over $9,000—in the Treasury belonging to the Building Fund of the Mother's Jewels Home in the Endowment, to be called "The Negus Fund." The motion was carried.

The new Chairman of the Glenn Industrial Home, Mrs. D. Jewell Durell, spoke briefly of the work of that institution. Report accepted. (See Report.)

The tellers being ready to report, Mrs. Aiken, Recording Secretary, read the result of the nominating ballot: Number of votes cast, 201; for Mrs. W. P. Thirkield as Second Vice-President, 155; Mrs. Woodruff, 34; scattering, 12. Mrs. Thirkield was declared elected, and presented to the Convention.

The ballot was ordered for Third Vice-President and also for Corresponding Secretary.

The David and Margaret Home for Children just opened in Southern California was briefly reported by Mrs. I. J. Reynolds. Report accepted. (See Report.)

The tellers returned, and the result of the balloting for Corresponding Secretary was announced. Total number of votes cast, 190; Mrs. Delia L. Williams received 180, and was declared elected amid great applause.

Mrs. D. H. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary of the Central Ohio Conference, came to the platform and in a few gracious words presented Mrs. Williams with a lovely bouquet of pink roses from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries. Mrs. Williams responded in a few loving words.

The ballot for nomination of Recording Secretary was ordered.

The ballot for nomination of Third Vice-President resulted in the election of Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, who received 174 of the 200 votes cast; Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, 11; scattering, 15.

When presented to the Convention, Mrs. Woodruff said, in part, "I

have given the best there is of me to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and I expect to do the same in the future."

At this point Mrs. Daniel Smith was introduced to the Convention, as she and Mrs. Woodruff have been in the Woman's Home Missionary Society almost since its organization.

Mrs. Woodruff stated that as a schoolgirl she reached Trinity Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, immediately after the adjournment of the meeting which organized the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The ballot for Recording Secretary was reported as follows: Number of votes cast, 198; for Mrs. F. A. Aiken, 188; scattering votes, 10. Mrs. Aiken's election was received with general satisfaction. In presenting her, Mrs. Robinson took occasion to say that Mrs. Aiken had served the Society in one capacity more years than any other officer.

Mrs. Aiken in responding said these long years of service and endearing association had meant much for the warp and woof of character. She expressed her gratitude for this tribute of continued confidence and confessed to a realizing sense of the increasing responsibilities of the office.

A debate was given at this point on the question: Shall the policy of the Woman's Home Missionary Society favor retaining the same children for a number of years; or shall we make our Orphanages serve the largest number of children by securing homes for those who can enter private families? Mrs. M. C. Hickman, of Iowa, took the affirmative side of the question in a five-minute speech, followed by Mrs. A. W. Conklin, Decatur, Ill.

A motion prevailed that the President and Recording Secretary be excused for a few minutes to attend to important legal business.

Mrs. Thirkield, Second Vice-President, took the chair until the President's return.

The report of tellers showed the result of the balloting for nomination of Fourth Vice-President as follows: Total number of votes cast, 198; Mrs. Mary Park Fisk received 167; Mrs. Brent Wilson, 9; scattering, 22. Mrs. Park was declared elected, and called to the platform. In response to her introduction, Mrs. Park said, "I take this expression of your respect and confidence as a tribute to my dear mother."

When the tellers' report on the balloting for Treasurer was announced, it was found that Mrs. George H. Thompson had received 194 votes out of 199 cast. When presented to the Convention as the duly elected Treasurer, Mrs. Thompson's speech consisted of the words, "I thank you."

The debate was resumed. Two-minute speeches were made by Mesdames Park, Rhone, Roach, Wood, Spencer, Perchment, Coopes, Roberts, and Woodcock.

Report of tellers on balloting for Fifth Vice-President showed, of the 195 votes cast Mrs. P. H. Bodkin had received 172. She was declared elected, and, on motion of Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, a telegram was ordered sent to Mrs. Bodkin notifying her of her election.

Ballots for Managers and Associate Managers were taken.

Our President invited the visiting pastors present to come to the platform and be introduced. Twenty-two ministers responded to the invitation. Among them were the following: Rev. J. L. Sooy, District Superintendent; Revs. C. E. Allen, H. Lester Smith, Daniel McGurk, Benjamin Copeland, Frederick Midlefeldt, E. C. Toy, John Cama, C. E. Dynes, E. H. Weiss, J. T. Walker, R. C. Browlee, H. F. Crane, W. Blackford, J. E. Williams.

Rev. Walker, of Buffalo, pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned until 730 P. M.

MONDAY EVENING.

MRS. ROBINSON presiding. Rev. Clarence E. Allen had charge of the devotions, reading a part of the second chapter of the book of James, in which we were admonished not to regard the rich and despise the poor, but rather to be loving toward all. The thought of the prayer was that we might especially so consider those who come to us as strangers within our gates.

Before proceeding with the program, it was necessary to listen to the report of the Chairman of the tellers for Managers and Association Managers, as found on page 2.

Mrs. Robinson, in announcing the subject for the evening as "Immigration," said, some years ago, when in Paris, she attended a course of lectures upon Geography, and sprinkled among the audiences were society women, students, and learned men—all listening to this study of the geography of the world. To the members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society this would not be a necessity, as we give a course in Geography and continually solve great problems, giving lectures and reports teeming with interest and information.

Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Secretary of the Bureau for Immigrant Work, was introduced, and said immigration on the Atlantic Coast confirms the President's words. A minister once said, "To belong to the Woman's Home Missionary Society is nearly as good as a college education." The Bureau was born of necessity because one woman heard of the great danger threatening the immigrant girl, whose only friends awaiting her as she passed through the gates were the friends seeking her ruin. Our first worker sent out was arrested by a Catholic priest, taken into court, discharged, and permitted to continue in the work. We have work in New York, East Boston, and at Charleston, Mass. The Philadelphia Home has been closed, but all immigrants are met by deaconesses. A great opportunity awaits us as this vast army is coming to our shores. Immigration means opportunity and responsibility. (See Report.)

Mrs. C. B. Perkins, Secretary of the Bureau for Japanese and Korean

Work, then spoke in the interest of our Japanese and Korean little sisters on the Pacific Coast who come to this country. She stated that in their work they are trying to show these little women that Christ was for them. Work is being conducted in San Francisco, at Los Angeles, and at our Susannah Wesley Home at Honolulu. (See Report.)

Mrs. J. E. Piatt, Secretary of the Bureau for Chinese Work, spoke for our work among the Chinese on the Pacific Coast. She said the work there antedated the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society some ten years. The first contingent that came to our shores were Chinese laborers, and the ever-increasing numbers made the men of California feel that something must be done, and so came restricted immigration. Later came families with slaves, and with their coming came the need of protecting care for women, and as a result many women and girls have been saved from lives of immoral slavery to lives of usefulness.

At a Chinese feast where Bishop Hughes and the Chinese Consul were guests of honor it is stated that every Chinese man present with but one exception chose his wife from our Home. The Secretary said to carry on this work in San Francisco they needed help and needed it badly. San Francisco was seeking the Panama Exposition in 1915, and it was the desire of the women there to entertain this Convention during that year. The immigrants are best reached by our missionaries, and our work among the Chinese is and has been most successful. Our Chinese educated and trained in America desire to return to their own people and are said to be worth dozens educated in China. Through the kindergarten and mission school we are reaching many of the children. The time was when the State took little interest in the boy till he could vote. Now the State is bending its energies to the making of good American citizens. The Church is busy in all its departments developing good Christian American citizens, and the Chinese Bureau is doing its best to make good Christian Chinese-American citizens.

We are more and more appreciating that the children are our opportunity and our responsibility. Over the arching of this century we find emblazoned, "The child in our midst." (See Report.)

This stirring report was followed by anthem by the choir, after which Bishop Burt was presented to the audience by our President with the following introductory words: "Some twenty-two years ago, when in Geneva with her parents, they met the then Rev. William Burt, who told them of his hopes for the Italian. If you need information as to his success among these people, ask Archbishop Ireland. We welcome our bishop because we are loyal daughters of the Church."

The bishop, in responding, said he feared this audience of consecrated workers more than he did an audience with the Queen of Italy, but was happy to be preceded by these workers representing their various fields of work. "I come to you with a message, a message from the Italian people. A people that often need first a bath, then food, then clothes, then school. We feel there is a time for ploughing and reaping and a

time for the harvest, but not yet. The Lord says *now* is the time to put in the sickle. God has always gone before the missionary societies. Many of our difficulties are manufactured in our brains and are an excuse for our not doing what we should."

One of our most important duties is the evangelization of our great cities, the centers of our modern civilization, great spiritual centers for good as well as for evil. The city problem has been made what it is by the influx of the immigrants. Shall they be assimilated? Upon that answer depends the life of our great cities. We are influencing them—they are influencing us. Our moral blood is being weakened by this influx of a million immigrants yearly. What shall we see—the golden opportunity or the tremendous responsibility? In closing the bishop urged us to make use of all our agencies, our Sunday school, our Epworth Leagues, remembering that the woman should be our chief care; she is the one tied to her old superstitions and keeps back the husband, lover, or son. O for more Methodist women who have had the vision! Then shall we do for the world what He has done for us.

In closing, the new Battle Hymn (see Battle Hymn), written by Rev. Benjamin Copeland and dedicated to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, was sung in full, and after the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Burt, adjournment followed until Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING.

THE meeting was opened at 9 o'clock with the President, Mrs. Robinson, in the chair. "Come, Thou Fount of every blessing," was sung. A portion of the fourth chapter of Philippians was read by Mrs. Delia L. Williams, and Mrs. Anna D. Elder led in prayer.

The minutes of Monday morning, Monday afternoon, and Monday evening sessions were read respectively by Mrs. D. D. Thompson, Mrs. Reynolds. and Mrs. Nason, and adopted.

After discussion, the price of the *Annual Meeting Daily* for next year was fixed at 20 cents, with the understanding that there should be an issue for the last day's proceedings.

On motion of Mrs. Potter, a vote of thanks was extended Mrs. Levi Gilbert and Mrs. Ward Platt, the Editors of our *Daily Woman's Home Missions.*

A vote of thanks was given the printers of the paper, Messrs. Baker, Jones & Co., for their courtesy and the high grade of work.

The report of General Publications was submitted by Miss Alice M. Guernsey, Editor and Business Manager. "More, more," had been the cry from the eager women of our Auxiliaries, and to meet this demand 393,000 new leaflets had been printed and 232,000 reprints issued, making

in all 96,000 more than last year. To these must be added the valuable Hand Book for the Young People's Department, written by Miss Barge; the *Daily* of last year, two books of the Conquest Series for the Home Guards, 38,000 Calendars, besides a large amount of miscellaneous helps.

On motion, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Editor of the Annual Report, Miss Frances A. Fish, was read by Mrs. H. C. Jennings, recommending that 15,000 copies be printed. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Miss Van Marter, Chairman of Committee on Church Press, who was given power to choose her assistants, submitted the following: For *Western Advocate,* Mrs. Levi Gilbert; *Northwestern Advocate,* Mrs. D. D. Thompson; *New York Advocate,* Miss Van Marter; *Central Advocate,* Mrs. C. B. Spencer; *California Advocate,* Mrs. E. W. Willis; *Pacific Advocate,* Miss Barge; *Northern Advocate,* Mrs. Williamson; *Southwestern Advocate,* Mrs. H. C. Jennings; *Pittsburg Advocate,* Mrs. Cameron; *Michigan Advocate,* Mrs. M. C. Bliss; *Philadelphia Advocate,* Mrs. S. Eaton; *Advocate-Journal,* Mrs. A. D. Elder; *Baltimore Advocate,* Mrs. C. L. Roach; *Zion's Herald,* Mrs. George Parks. Approved.

Reports for *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions* were made by the Editor, Miss Martha Van Marter.

The report for *Woman's Home Missions* showed an increased subscription due to the loyal support of the splendid company of paper agents who so constantly carry its interests on their hearts. A call was made for brief, telling articles on our many departments of work.

With a beautiful illustration as to the life-giving influences of a pure stream of flowing water, it was shown that our *Children's Home Missions* is starting a clear current of life and interest and creating new ideals in the hearts of our young people. A plea was made that the subscription list should rise to the 50,000 mark which they had set. A resolution that Secretaries having charge of subscriptions to *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions* in Conference, District, and local societies make special effort to place *Children's Home Missions* in Sunday schools during the ensuing year, was adopted. Reports accepted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Publisher of *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions* was given by Miss Mary Belle Evans. She thought the most interesting feature in the work of the Society was the fact that *Woman's Home Missions* was being read in 36,000 homes, the largest number ever reported. The subscription list for the fifteenth volume of *Children's Home Missions* showed 19,252 subscribers—a gain on last year of 1,364. The question was raised, Why not 50,000? An earnest plea resulted in the securing of pledges for 3,500 copies.

Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson and Miss Evans were made a Committee to secure a report of income from our papers. The reports of the Publisher were adopted. (See Reports.)

A recommendation from the Board of Trustees that, in view of the heavy responsibilties pertaining to the National Training Schools, the Com-

mittee be formed into a Bureau to be called the Bureau for National Training Schools, was submitted by the Record Secretary and, on motion, accepted.

It was also recommended by the Board of Trustees that in view of the responsibilities pertaining to the administration of our hospital work, the Committee be formed into a Bureau to be known as the Bureau for Hospitals. On motion, the recommendation was adopted.

The report of the Committee appointed to present a plan for meeting the expense of entertainment at the Annual Meeting was given by Mrs. D. A. Minard, Chairman. After a reference to the costly joy of this meeting, it was recommended that every Conference sending delegates to the Annual Meeting provide for their entertainment by sending the sum of $10 for each delegate to the Entertainment Committee when the names and number of delegates should be sent. And that all others besides Conference delegates be provided for by the local society.

The following substitute was offered by Mrs. A. E. Griffith, but not sustained. That Conference delegates expenses be paid by the Conferences and they plan with the Committee on Entertainment as to the location of the delegates.

After discussion, the report of the committee was adopted and the recommendations of the Committee referred to the Committee on By-Laws. The question was asked by Mrs. Martha Sissle, of the Lexington Conference, if a delegate is sent from her Conference to the National Meeting and entertained by a friend free of expense, will it be necessary to send the $10 to Entertainment Committee. The reply was that it would not be required.

Changes in the Constitution and By-Laws recommended by the Committee on By-Laws, on pages 313 and 314 of the Twenty-eighth Annual Report, of which due notice had been given, were on motion authorized as follows: Under Article 3, Section 5, of Constitution—strike out "General Organizers" and insert the name *Field Secretaries.*

Change the time of Corresponding Secretaries reporting from quarterly to semi-annually.

Article 6—Membership—After the first sentence add: The payment of one dollar annually by a gentleman shall constitute an honorary membership. At the end of the paragraph add: The payment of one dollar annually for a deceased friend shall constitute a memorial membership. The payment of $20 a perpetual "in Memoriam."

A recommendation from the Board of Trustees that Section 3, Article 3, of the Constitution be amended to hold quarterly meetings in January, April, September, and in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, was referred to take the regular course.

A recommendation to amend Section 3, Article 3, under Organization by inserting the words *executive sessions* after the word "special," was also referred.

Announcement was made that Mr. Frank A. Freeman, of Philadel-

phia, had contributed $300 to make Mrs. Freeman an Honorary Life Patron of the Society.

A discussion as to relations of Field and Reserve Field Secretaries resulted in the appointment of Mrs. D. L. Williams as a committee to confer with these secretaries and make report defining relations.

Mrs. Woodruff stated that Mrs. Lavanda G. Murphy, having resigned, was here to make her last report for the Bureau for Texas and asked that she be heard. In a report full of interesting facts, and abounding in beautiful sentiment, she relinquished her Bureau which she had carried for fifteen years with eminent success. (See Report.)

A tribute of appreciation from the Board of Trustees as read by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, for Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. G. E. Palen, and Mrs. H. C. Hedges, all of whom had resigned as Bureau Secretaries, on motion was adopted as follows:

Any organization is rich that can command the services of earnest consecrated women in the strength of their womanhood. Such service we have had since 1895 from two devout women, Mrs. Henry C. Hedges, as Secretary of the Bureau for Mississippi, and Mrs. Lavanda G. Murphy, as Secretary of the Bureau for Texas, and also from a third, Mrs. G. E. Palen, since 1894 as Secretary of the Bureau for Georgia. These faithful women have seen their work grow under their fostering care in number of pupils, in the classes and in appliances. In the Bureau for Mississippi one fine industrial home has been erected, and an addition has been made to another; and in the Bureau for Texas an additional building has been erected; and a new center of work, the Eliza Dee Home, has been established; and the time has now come when a forward movement in the Bureau for Georgia is imperative and is contemplated both at Atlanta and Savannah.

And now after fifteen and sixteen years, respectively, of self-denying work for the Society, broken health and family anxieties make these burden bearers feel that they must pass their duties to the hands of others.

Forty-six years of unsalaried service! Who can estimate its value to the young people that have been helped, to the teachers who have had unfailing support and sympathy, to the Society whose funds have been so carefully guarded and expended?

These devoted women, though they may hold a little different relation to us in the future, will always be very dear to us; and while our love and gratitude is theirs, we are sure that their continued influence for the work to which they have already given so much, and their prayers for its utmost success, will still be ours.

On motion Mrs. Murphy was made Secretary Emeritus of the Bureau for Texas, Mrs. Palen Secretary Emeritus of the Bureau for Georgia, and Mrs. Hedges Secretary Emeritus of the Bureau for Mississippi.

The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Smith and the convention adjourned until 2 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE session was called to order by the President, Mrs. Robinson, at 2 o'clock.

The usual devotional half hour was occupied by the induction into office of the General Officers by the use of the Installation Service of the Society, Bishop Smith presiding. The General Officers were invited to take their places within the chancel.

Bishop Smith announced the hymn, "Workman of God, O lose not heart," which was sung. Bishop Burt in introducing the responsive reading, in which the Convention joined, said, "Your activity and your consecration is felt all down through the Conferences of this organization, and the Church, through this agency, looks for the redemption of the world. Give yourselves in whole hearted devotion to this work."

Bishop Smith read the charge to the officers and to the members of the Society.

Bishop Burt followed with a prayer for larger vision in heart and thought and every energy of our being. He prayed that we might be devoted to the Master in the strength of the Master that greater things might be accomplished in this great Society.

At the close of this uplifting prayer all joined in the repetition of the Lord's Prayer, and with the benediction by Bishop Smith, the interesting and impressive service closed.

The President, upon taking the chair, invited Mrs. Minard forward, who said that for years she had had a Sunday school class of twenty girls. One grew to womanhood and was married, and would be here to-day were she not ill, and she may be slipping away from us, but we pray that she may be spared to her little family and to usefulness for many years. Her husband desired to give $100 to make her—Mrs. Clara Boyce Tindle—an Honorary Manager of this Society, $25 to be given to the Rest Home of Oakland, $25 to the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School, and $50 to the Buffalo Deaconess work.

Mrs. Woodruff moved that a message be sent Mrs. Tindle expressive of our sympathy in her illness with the hope of a speedy recovery. Carried.

Bishop Smith spoke of the funeral services of Senator Dolliver, which he had recently attended. He remembered with sincere gratification the highly eulogistic tributes to his religious character. He was a man of National fame as an orator and pleader for any cause he espoused.

The President asked if the Committee empowered to send condolences to Mrs. Dolliver had performed the duty. The response was in the affirmative.

Mrs. Williams moved that the hour from three to four o'clock be given to hearing from the missionaries. Carried.

Bishop Burt referred to a great loss sustained by Calvary Church in

New York in the death of Mr. John S. Huyler. The most royal giver in our Church, largely giving for the foreign speaking peoples in our country, and it was his prayer that the widow and three sons shall carry forward the great work the husband and father had begun.

Mrs. Roach moved a telegram be sent Mrs. Huyler by the President and Corresponding Secretary. Carried.

Mrs. Aiken submitted the response to the telegram received from Mrs. McDowell, President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, on behalf of the meeting of Corresponding Secretaries in Boston—1 Thessalonians, 1st chapter, first and third verses.

A delightful interruption introduced the quartette of the Brotherhood, and the President of the Brotherhoods of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. F. E. Tasker, whose wife and mother are both active in our Society in their home Churches in New York and Washington, said we were but another section of the great Christian army going on to conquest, and gave us Godspeed from all the Brotherhoods. The quartette was from the Des Moines Conference, consisting of Messrs. Keeler, Peck, Gilbert, and Metcalf, and sang in magnificent voice and harmony, "Blessed are ye that hear the word of the Lord."

Mrs. J. P. Alkire presented to our Treasurer, Mrs. George H. Thompson, a beautiful bouquet of pink tinted chrysanthemums in the name of all the Treasurers present and absent, for they all loved her. The President asked Mrs. Thompson to make a speech, but the reply was, "I wish I could." The tone and the manner of the utterance were eloquent with appreciation.

The Missionaries' Hour opened with the pathetic story of a mother bereft of sight who cared for her family in great poverty. Mrs. Margaret Delight Moors graphically described her visits to the home, and said her sweetest and most blessed memories would be her accepted service for Jesus' sake.

Miss Bessie Franc Brown, of the Navajo work, was introduced as a new worker. Her zeal and grasp of the situation are promising for the future. She is satisfied with her field, sees great possibilities for this tribe of Indians. Miss Brown said the memory of Miss Tripp, our first missionary to these people, is very sacredly held and her influence is abiding. Now since the seed has been sown we are ready to reap the harvest.

Miss Lora Harris, Superintendent of our work in Tucson, Ariz., said her heart was filled with love for Mexican girls with the inheritance of so many years of degradation and ignorance. Vast tracts of country where there were no schools. But these children become lovely, and through good influences would be an honor to any home. General Torres and other officials of Mexico had visited the Home and commended it.

One young girl of special promise was taken by Mrs. Kent with the hope that her care in the Home might be assured. The realization of this wish came when the Young Woman's Home Missionary Society of Dela-

ware Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Buffalo, N. Y., pledged themselves to support the young girl for the given time.

Miss Emily Bartholomew, Superintendent of the Mitchell Home, Meisenheimer, N. C., felt her mission was to say how much they appreciated their new Home. She said there are forty-five girls now in the Home. It is the universal opinion that there are no brighter young people anywhere than those in North Carolina. These girls are being trained for home makers, home lovers, and home keepers. Asked by the President what she most needed, she said, "One hundred dollars to start a place of worship."

Mrs. Hartshorn, a graduate of the Washington Training School, now Superintendent of the Aldrich Memorial Training School, said their ambition was to have a high standard and train their young women to it. They had a Faculty of specialists who have given years to their subjects. They desire students strong spiritually, intellectually, and physically.

Miss Alsie B. Dole, Superintendent of Allen Home, has spent twenty-three years in Asheville in our work. There are now forty girls in the Home, one hundred in the day school. This work, which began in an unoccupied livery stable with three colored children, has enrolled the names of six thousand children and graduated sixty. Since we have a Home, we can hold them. Besides this we have $30,000 in property, two graduates are principals in public schools, five are teachers in Asheville public schools, many are taking honorable positions among the educators of the State.

Mrs. Robinson asked, "What do you want?" And the reply came, "A three-story porch, which is to be a fire-escape." Mrs. Robinson assumed $15 toward this need for the Detroit Conference.

Miss Trescott said twenty-five Macedonians came one day to Philadelphia and finally found their way into the anthracite coal regions of Hazelton, Pa. Miss Trescott gave a touching story of one who had never had "some mother" or "some father," but he had found Jesus as a friend. Now a Church is organized with forty-four members and twenty-eight probationers; twenty-five nationalities are represented. The rooms for this work are only 12 by 15 feet, lighted with little kerosene lamps.

Mrs. Robinson appealed to the Bishops to remember this picture at the Bishops' meeting.

Mrs. Metta Mack, Superintendent of the Susannah Wesley Home in Honolulu, spoke of thirty girls in the Home, earnest Christian girls who will, many of them, surely become missionaries to their own people. They were receiving practical training for usefulness in life.

Bishop Smith said he was glad he went to Honolulu to see what Adam and Eve missed—the beautiful city, and our Home was the most beautiful outside and just as beautiful within.

It was stated that this Home had never received a Christmas box, and that Mrs. Mack had paid her own expenses to the Convention. Then

followed a perfect Santa Claus shower of five dollar bills to make merry the Christmas tide for these our new Americans. (See Pledges.)

Miss Brown, of the Navajo work, was given opportunity to ask for what she most wanted. She said an interpreter; $30 a month would be necessary for his support. Pledges followed to the amount of $120. (See Pledges.)

Miss E. L. Becker appeared upon the platform with a little eight or ten-year-old colored girl. They were introduced as the present and the future Superintendent of E. L. Rust Home. From this Home six have graduated from the Normal Department. Scholarships were most needed here, and Miss Becker could make one reach for two girls and sometimes three.

Miss Elizabeth Davis, representing the McCrum Slavonic Training School of Uniontown, Pa., said they were in the midst of a piece of Northern Hungary transplanted to Pennsylvania, in the coke regions. In this training school several young people have been brought to the gospel's light. Miss Davis asked all to pray for spiritual power that these who have not behind them what American girls have may be reached in the best and most effective way.

Miss Minnie Frickey, teacher in Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School, said: "The school would have little attraction if it were not for these fields which have been represented here. Surely all who go to them must be equipped with the sword of the Spirit. Agitate Christian training, truth and health and healing, circulate literature, count it more than any art or ease. Then shall your work continue to be blessed of the Lord."

Mrs. Julia E. Waters, Superintendent of the new Boylan Home, was presented, and said: "This is one of the older schools, has had many blessings, but still has needs. Many who visit us with prejudice go away with interest in our work. The new building will soon be finished and our campus needs some shade and adornment. When Mr. George O. Robinson visited the Boylan Home he gave two trees; Mrs. Aiken had pledged a tree for the new campus. Personal pledges were made by Mrs. Anna Kent, Mrs. Edward Knostman, Mrs. Julia E. Watters, Miss Bertha E. Losee for one tree each, and the following additional pledges were made by Conferences. (See Pledges.)

Miss Bertha E. Losee, Principal of the school at Boylan Home, expressed gratification at being present at the meeting and urged with feeling steadfast interest in this Home.

Mrs. R. H. Young asked that Mrs. Newhall, for ten years in our Unalaska work, and Miss Barnett, for eight years in the same field, be introduced.

These ladies had but a moment to bring greetings to the Convention. The field is one of rich interest and large possibilities.

Mrs. Anna D. Elder, Boaz, Ala., came with a tribute to a graduate of Rust Hall, who had been their Domestic Science teacher, and her consistent character and life left its impress upon all who knew her.

Mrs. Elder presented two afghans, the gift of Mrs. George O. March, Treasurer of the Cincinnati Conference, to be sold, and one was presented to Mrs. Minard, the other to Bertha Addington, an efficient worker at Cedartown. Ga. One dollar pledges for these two gifts were then taken, amounting to $34. (See Pledges.)

Mrs. Herron spoke with regret of the inability of Mr. George O. Robinson to reach this Convention to-day, as expected, and moved that a telegram of regret at his absence be sent him. The telegram was ordered by a rising vote.

Mrs. A. B. Jones offered a by-law which was referred to the By-Law Committee.

A Special Committee, consisting of Mrs. Lillie Leonard Slack, Mrs. D. M. Baily, and Mrs. Hedley R. Woodward, representing the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, submitted the following amendments to the Constitution, which were referred to the Committee on By-Laws:

WHEREAS, There is a conviction on the part of a number of our Conference Corresponding Secretaries that the work of our Conference Societies would be greatly benefited by the admission of Presidents, Corresponding Secretaries, and Treasurers of Auxiliaries to membership in the Conference Executive Board; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Committee on By-Laws with the request that the necessary change be made in the Constitution, Article IV, Section 2, so that the above named officers of Auxiliaries, viz., President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be included, allowing the matter to be optional with the Conference Societies as to whether they will use the privilege, and that seven constitute a quorum, a majority of whom shall be Conference officers.

Referred to the Recording Secretary to take the usual course.

Mrs. I. J. Reynolds, Secretary of the Bureau for Systematic Beneficence, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the President be authorized to appoint a special committee of three on Systematic Beneficence, who shall prepare a memorial and present it to our next General Conference, asking that body to endorse tithing, thus bringing this important subject before our great Church.

The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Burt, and the meeting adjourned until 7.30 o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING.

MRS. ROBINSON opened the evening session at 7:30 o'clock by announcing the hymn, "Faith of our fathers."

Mrs. H. L. Hill, Field Secretary, read part of the 9th chapter of St. Luke and led in an earnest prayer.

Mrs. Jacob Bernheim, a converted Jewess, working among her people in Chicago in the neighborhood of Marcy Home, told in a few words of her conversion to Christianity.

The choir sang in a most touching manner, "My faith looks up to Thee," after which Mrs. R. H. Young, Assistant Secretary of the Bureau for Alaska, gave a short history of the mission at Sinuk, saying this work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is the only work done by the Methodist Episcopal Church among this people. She pleaded for help to build a chapel, saying many are turned away for lack of room. She also asked for scholarships for several children.

Mrs. J. H. Parsons, of Tacoma, Wash., Secretary of the Bureau for Alaska, told of the work done at the Jesse Lee Home at Unalaska—what had been done during the past year, and pleaded for another worker.

Bishop Charles W. Smith was then introduced, and as he had visited Alaska during the past summer, his address was listened to with interest as he recounted his experiences in this most interesting country.

While he had not visited the two Homes maintained by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, he said they were known to the Church as the two light-houses along the shores of this dark country. They were doing a much needed work in a most desirable manner, and he wished in the name of the Church to thank the Society for their establishment.

After the rendition of a beautiful solo, Mrs. Robinson said that we would now be taken from the Arctic circle to the torrid zone, and asked Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Secretary of the Bureau for Porto Rico to introduce the next speaker. Mrs. Woodruff then presented Rev. B. S. Haywood, D. D., Superintendent of the Porto Rico Mission, under the care of the Board of Home Missions. Dr. Haywood said he considered it a privilege to speak for the Woman's Home Missionary Society and was always ready to do so. He said he was always glad to stand on the Woman's Home Missionary platform because it was so steady. There were three girders supporting this platform, (1st) conservation, (2d) concentration, (3d) consecration; and in a few words he elaborated these ideas.

He spoke in high praise of the George O. Robinson Orphanage, and said that the Woman's Home Missionary Society had indeed builded well. It is, he said, an elegant American Home, the pride of all hearts.

He announced that the generous donor of that Home had met the emergency and had contributed over $11,000 for the establishment of a "Boys' Industrial Home," and closed with a plea for scholarships for several children who were fatherless and motherless.

In response to the pleas for scholarships for children, Miss Guernsey pledged $40 from the Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels for the George O. Robinson Orphanage.

All arose, and after singing the doxology, Bishop Smith pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, 9 A. M.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

PURSUANT to adjournment the Convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Robinson, at 9 o'clock. Miss Martha J. Collins, of the Buffalo Deaconess Home, conducted the devotional service.

Special prayer was offered for the sick father of Miss Clara A. Mills, Assistant Superintendent of the Buffalo Deaconess Home, and for the member of this Convention who is ill at the hospital.

Mrs. Binkworth and Mrs. Sykes were appointed a Special Committee to call on this sick sister and carry her the beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums presented to Mrs. Robinson at a previous session.

The minutes of Tuesday morning, read by Mrs. Albright, those of Tuesday afternoon, by Mrs. Potter, and those of Tuesday evening, by Mrs. D. D. Thompson, were adopted.

Mrs. Mary Fisk Park was called to the chair.

Mrs. I. D. Jones moved that Bro. Geo. O. Robinson, who had reached the Convention, be invited to the platform, and Mrs. Park introduced him in a fitting manner. Mr. Robinson replied briefly but eloquently.

Mrs. Park paid a beautiful tribute to Mr. John Huyler, a prominent Methodist and philanthropist of New York City, recently deceased.

The report of the Committee on Finance, presented by Mrs. S. J. Turner, was accepted by a rising vote.

The following conditional appropriations for the Navajo Mission, presented by Miss Bassett, were allowed by vote: Salary, $1,050; Student Aid, $2,000; Building, $5,000 (paid in); Furnace, $1,500; Special, $500; Current Expenses, $350.

Miss Bancroft moved that the Vermont Conference be permitted to retain $500 of their $700 unconditional pledges. Carried.

Mrs. I. D. Jones made a plea for E. L. Rust Home, Holly Springs, Miss., resulting in the sum of $285 pledged. (See Pledges.)

Miss Bancroft asked the ladies to take freely of the reports of the Deaconess Department for use at their homes, and the President suggested that the ladies select literature for use in their Conferences, giving Miss Guernsey a note for their value.

The report of the Mite-Box Secretary, Mrs. L. W. Leonard, Norwood, Ohio, was read by Mrs. W. F. Robertson.

The North Indiana Conference received the flag as the Conference raising the largest amount of money during the year, $1,902—and at the request of Mrs. Wm. M. Ampt, the retiring Mite-Box Secretary, the banner was to be retained by the Conference receiving it this year. Mrs. A. B. Cline, Bluffton, Ind., Corresponding Secretary, accepted it most graciously, saying that she was not only glad to receive the banner, but also glad for the good they had been able to do. Report accepted. (See Report.)

Regret was felt that Mrs. Leonard, who had so efficiently cared for the work during the year, exhibiting receipts as $700 increase in advance of previous year, could not continue in this service. A vote of thanks was extended Mrs. Leonard.

Miss Alice M. Guernsey, New York City, waived the right to read her report for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, but stated briefly that the total amount raised was $10,255.77, a gain over last year of $1,399.65. Miss Guernsey also stated that the mass-meeting of Sunday afternoon was most enthusiastic, fifteen Sunday schools being represented, and three Junior life members had been secured and the certificates would be awarded this afternoon. Credit for the admirable arrangements is due to Mrs. Geo. S. Searle, Genesee Conference Secretary of Young People's Work, Guards and Jewels.

The Home Guard banner for the greatest gain in paid Home Guard memberships is earned by the Cincinnati Conference, and this was received by Mrs. Chas. F. Thirkield in behalf of the Conference Secretary of Home Guards, Mrs. J. W. Ewry, Madisonville, Ohio.

The flag for the greatest per cent gain in money paid was awarded the Southern Illinois Conference.

Mrs. Cotton Mather, Fort Collins, Colo., Secretary of Literature and Reading Circles, in making her report said the banner was going Westward, and that while Philadelphia Conference still had the largest number of readers, the greatest increase in readers had been in the Southwest Kansas Conference. (See Reports.)

Mrs. Nettie Tedrick, the Conference Secretary of the Southwest Kansas Conference, received the banner for Kansas—a great prohibition State—as an evidence that they were training their young people along right lines.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws, Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Philadelphia, Pa., Chairman, was presented, considered *seriatum* and adopted. (See Report.)

The Rev. Dr. Frye was introduced and after a word of greeting pronounced the benediction.

Adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE session was called to order by the First Vice-President, Mrs. William Christie Herron.

Mrs. L. A. McKeever, President of the South Kansas Conference, was in charge of the devotional half hour.

The hymn "Jesus, Thine all victorious love" was announced. Mrs. McKeever asked that the hymn be the prayer of our hearts, that there is but one thing for us to do, that is to consecrate ourselves, all that we

have and are, to the duties before us. The beautiful lesson in the fifteenth chapter of John was read from the fifteenth verse, and Mrs. Bickley led in prayer, voicing the longing appeal of every heart, to be a worthy co-worker with God. The singing with bowed heads of the first verse of "Nearer, my God, to Thee" closed the impressive service.

Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Secretary of the Bureau for Immigrant Work, was invited to accompany Miss Alma Mathews, missionary at Ellis Island, to the platform. Mrs. Bickley introduced Miss Mathews as *my* Miss Mathews, who said the immigrants are pouring in and out of our ports of entry. Into our hand is placed the key to the evangelization of the world. It is the little things perhaps that we do for the people of the one thousand ships which have entered our New York harbor during the year. Vivid and pathetic incidents were given which moved alternately to smiles and tears.

Mrs. A. C. Clark, Superintendent of East Boston Immigrant Home, who had held the position for twenty-two years, never ill during the time, was introduced. During all these years of service Mrs. Clark has had only three months of vacation.

Mrs. Clark said she had the same story as Miss Mathews, same sort of people. You are familiar with our work, we must have a new building. Our present one has been condemned, but we keep patching it up until it is beyond this now. We must have $10,000 for a new building. We must have something better to represent the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The strong plea was convincing and Mrs. Herron prophesied that the money would be forthcoming. Nothing touches the heart more keenly than this work for the stranger within our gates.

Mrs. I. J. Reynolds moved that all reports entitled to presentation before the Convention be printed in the Annual Report. Carried.

Mrs. M. E. Roberts moved a message be sent Mrs. J. P. Negus, expressing our love and sympathy for her in her failing health; and also our appreciation of the great work she has accomplished for our Society in her twenty-five years of faithful service. Carried.

Mrs. Roberts also moved that we send a loving and grateful message to Mrs. Louisa Collins, who for twenty-one years was the faithful President and Organizer of the West Nebraska Conference, but with great regret has laid down her work. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. I. C. McDowell, Chairman of Committee on Temperance, desired to give her time to Mrs. Florence Newell Atkins, of Nashville, Tenn., who had been a strong factor in the battle for prohibition in her State. (See Report.)

When Mrs. Atkins was heard, none wondered that Tennessee was moved. The fire of her enthusiasm and eloquence burned its way into the soul. She said no evil on the face of the earth is comparable to the liquor traffic. It has laid its polluted hands upon the mouth of God's anointed. The ministry was silent when its voice should have been heard,

but their Legislature could not be bought. Fifty thousand dollars a man was no temptation to these men. God heard our prayers and that was the secret of our success. The consecrated Christian manhood and womanhood must fight this battle. Mrs. Atkins retired amid applause, as the President said, "and the women that publish the tidings are a great host."

Mrs. Mary Fisk Park then came to the platform in advance of a couple of ladies who carried a superb basket of chrysanthemums, which was placed before Mrs. Aiken, the honored and beloved Recording Secretary of our Society for nearly the full years of its life.

Mrs. Park said: "It gives me great pleasure, dear Mrs. Aiken, to represent this body of women, your faithful friends, in an expression of their warm and loving appreciation of your labors as Recording Secretary. Your ready pen, one of 'most benignant grace,' has not only given to us most careful records these many years, but it has so often carried unnecessary courtesies, unexpected messages, and surprises of kindliness over and beyond all that was required. Your words have carried comfort and cheer, and given courage to many a sorrowing friend. We value your superabundance, and it makes us feel sure that long ago you must have learned the spirit of 'the second mile.' You have translated duty into privilege, and your work has been glorified. You have accepted your duties as your best friends in disguise, and they have lost the frown of compulsion in the smile of willingness, realizing the glory which comes with the second mile. No flowers could carry to you, with all their fragrance and beauty, an adequate expression of our love, but we ask you to accept these with our love and gratitude."

Mrs. Aiken replied: "My heart says thank you, dear friends, for this magnificent tribute of your love. This association of long years is more dear to me than words can fully express. I have tried to do my duty faithfully and some one has said, 'Duty performed is a rainbow in the soul.'

"The beauty and fragrance of these flowers are precious to me, but dearer still are the kindly, loving words that sink deepest in the heart too full to say more than—thank you.

"It will be my joy and evidence of appreciation to share these flowers with the Assistant Secretaries."

A solo, "The Lord is my Light," was rendered.

Mrs. Anna Onstott then presented a Basalt bust of Wesley to the Buffalo Deaconess Home, which was accepted with suitable words by Mrs. Emma Turney, Superintendent.

Mrs. Aiken announced that reports for the Annual Meeting should be in the hands of the editor not later than November 12th.

Mrs. Robinson reported the appended items from the report of the Chairman on Hospitals, Mrs. D. B. Street, who had been called home to administer the graces of hospitality during the Bishops' meeting in Washington.

Two hundred thousand dollars is the value of hospital property outside of Sibley Hospital, and each of six hospitals has paid its own expenses. (See Report.)

Mrs. Robinson then introduced Mrs. Joseph Campbell, of Buffalo, who had just given $1,000 to endow a bed in Sibley Hospital in memory of her husband.

Mrs. Minard announced the gift of a share of the Rockdale Wholesale Company of Oakland, Cal., for the San Francisco Training School.

Mrs. Thompson, Treasurer, announced that the Board of Trustees recommended that the Board of Managers grant to the General Treasurer the power to assume $10,000 worth of bonds issued by the Colorado Deaconess Hospital, the Colorado Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society promising to pay the interest each year until the bonds are redeemed by them.

This permission was granted by vote.

Mrs. Aiken presented a matter in regard to the Emergency Home in connection with Epworth Institute of St. Louis, Mo., conducted by the Methodist Deaconess Association. The St. Louis District ladies earnestly requested that they be permitted to affiliate with the Methodist Deaconess Association in the work of the Epworth Emergency Home, on the following conditions, viz.:

First. That the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall receive credit for all money and supplies contributed, through any of its Auxiliaries or members, to the work of the Home.

(a) These contributions may be made directly to the Treasurer of the Home and the money reported by voucher to the Conference Treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Second. That the Methodist Deaconess Association and the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall each have the same number of members of the Board of Directors of the Home, with the understanding that a simple majority vote shall be sufficient for the transaction of business, but at the request of any member a two-thirds vote of the entire Board shall be required.

(a) That the Woman's Home Missionary Society members of the Board shall be nominated by the District Executive Committee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society or such Committee as you may designate, and by the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Deaconess Association of St. Louis.

Third. That the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall assume no property or other financial obligations, and for the first year pledge no definite amount. But after the first year a specific sum shall be pledged annually.

Fourth. That this plan be tried for one year at least. After that time the affiliation may be dissolved at the request of a majority of the Board of Trustees of either organization.

Granted permission by vote.

Miss F. V. Russell, Principal of Mather Academy at Camden, S. C.,

who had become interested in our work during the Annual Meeting in Boston in 1888, told of the change that had taken place since going to that field immediately after that meeting twenty-two years ago. She said that three of the best teachers in the public schools of that city had been Browning Home girls. Two-thirds of the prominent members in the large colored Trinity Church had been pupils in Browning Home and Mather Academy, these two institutions of our Society having sent out more than five thousand girls and boys, many of whom are now in business and are homekeepers in that city.

Mrs. Robinson then called for purchasers for the five remaining pairs of crocheted slippers brought by Miss Russell as specimens of handiwork of the girls. These were quickly disposed of, Mrs. Robinson herself purchasing one pair and presenting it to Mrs. Aiken for her little granddaughter Frances.

Dr. Haywood, on behalf of Mrs. J. O. Peck, presented to Mrs. Robinson a piece of beautiful handiwork made by a young girl of Porto Rico. This was received with appreciation, not so much for its beauty, Mrs. Robinson said, as for the fact that it had required ten months of hard work.

Miss Guernsey introduced three young boys, Charles Allen, Marshall Smith, and Frederic Rogers, whom she announced had been made life members of the Home Guards by the money received at the children's mass meeting on Sunday at Delaware Avenue Church. She asked Mrs. Robinson to present certificates of life membership to these laddies, but the President insisted that Miss Guernsey perform this ceremony herself, which she did in a most fitting manner. She then announced that a little eight months' old baby, Marion Louise Voss, had been made a life member of the Mothers' Jewels.

Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth, Superintendent of Adeline M. Smith Home, Little Rock, Ark., was introduced and spoke of the superior work carried on at this Home. She told of the great revival there when all but one of the girls in the Home had been converted, and ended with a plea for the Negro race.

Mrs. Aiken submitted the recommendation of the Board of Trustees that Mrs. Bishop Berry be made an Honorary Vice-President. This was unanimously done and Mrs. Berry accepted in a very graceful manner.

Mrs. Robinson announced that she desired to make Mrs. Berry an Honorary Life Patron of the Society.

Mrs. William M. Ampt, for many years a Trustee, but resigning this year, was also made Honorary Vice-President in recognition of her long years of service.

Mrs. D. L. Williams, General Corresponding Secretary, then called the roll of Conferences which had had an increase during the past year of between fifty to one hundred members. In response to this call fourteen Conference Secretaries came to the platform and were introduced. Then

nineteen Conferences responded to the call of gain of between one hundred and two hundred members; fourteen Conferences to the call of two hundred to three hundred; and five Conferences to the call of three hundred.

Those having an increase of five hundred and over were Central New York, Pittsburg, Southern California, Colorado, Des Moines, Detroit, Oregon, Indiana, New York. These Conferences received the award of white satin streamers, lettered in gold.

These Conference representatives were introduced by name and commended for their good works and were advised to increase their labors.

Mrs. Williams announced that the Society would give recognition to any Conference that would gain five hundred members during the coming year, the estimate to be based on the printed report of this year.

Philadelphia, Central Ohio, and Michigan Conferences were announced as doubling their membership and had raised all their building and improvement fund, and were presented with maps. Des Moines Conference also reported the completion of the building and improvement fund.

Mrs. A. E. Griffith and Mrs. D. L. Rhone were announced as having been chosen respectively leader and Recording Secretary of the Conference Secretaries' Conferences for next Annual Meeting.

Miss Flora Mitchell was introduced as the first missionary to go from the Society to the Southland, and she had been in continuous service for twenty-seven years. She spoke briefly of her work at Thayer Home, Atlanta, Ga., and said that there was now in the audience a delegate, Mrs. O'Connor, who had once been a student at Thayer. This woman has recently given $100 for the new building fund.

Miss Mitchell reported the whole summer spent in work for Thayer Home.

Mrs. J. L. Sooy, Committee on Pulpit Supply, reported all engagements filled and thanked the women who had so willingly responded to her call.

Mrs. Minard thanked the women who had so quickly responded to the call of Dr. Wilder in regard to entering protest against the encroachment of a railroad contemplated near Sibley Hospital.

Mrs. Minard, in behalf of Dr. Wilder and the Local Board at Washington, presented the following, which was adopted by the Board of Managers:

We, the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States of America in Annual Meeting assembled at Buffalo, N. Y., October 19 to 26, 1910, most heartily express our high appreciation of the valuable services rendered our cause by friends both in the Senate Chamber and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States in their opposition to the proposition to permit the laying of a railroad track across First Street into the square opposite the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School, Washington, D. C.

Since "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" and the protection of values, and since it is almost certain that the effort to secure such legislation from the next session of Congress will be renewed, therefore

Resolved, That we most respectfully, but urgently, protest against Senate Bill 7936 and House Bill 24879, introduced respectively by Senator and Representative Hays, both from Virginia, at the second session of the Sixty-first Congress of the United States. By these bills the right of steam railroads to lay tracks across First Street into Square 673, Northeast, is sought. We protest on the following grounds:

1. The Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School for Deaconesses and Missionaries, which includes Sibley Memorial Hospital, is situated on the west side of North Capitol Street, Washington, D. C., contiguous to Square 673, into which it is proposed to run railroad tracks. This property has been created by the sacrifices of thousands of women who devote themselves to works of mercy and philanthropy. It represents a money value of about $300,000, and philanthropic influences whose worth to humanity can not be expressed in money values. Annually from one hundred and seventy-five to one hundred ad eighty-seven different physicians and surgeons practice in Sibley Hospital. This hospital is open to all needy without discrimination as to race, religious faith, or moral character. It is the only hospital in the District of Columbia that has never received any support from the Government, while to other hospitals in the District of Columbia and exclusive of the hospital for insane, within the last decade, Congress has appropriated $2,476,733.39.

We do not complain of the aid extended to these hospitals, neither do we ask aid for Sibley Hospital; but we do claim that we are entitled to protection. The members of Congress are our only legal protectors in this matter.

By these bills it is proposed that Congress shall give a private corporation a privilege it can not take, earn, or buy. The privilege, if granted—a privilege long coveted by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad—will create values for a private corporation which is devoted solely to making money; but it will also seriously depreciate our values, menace our peace and success in carrying out the aims of an eleemosynary institution.

2. Special legislation is necessary before the steam railroad track can cross First Street and into square. Such legislation doubtless would be of great value to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. That corporation sought to secure such action from Congress in 1907. Bills for that purpose were introduced at that time into both houses, but when they reached the District Commissioners favorable recommendation was denied and legislation was estopped.

Among the reasons given by the Commissioners for reporting adversely on the bills was this:

"The property on North Capitol, L and M Streets, facing that square, is largely residential, and there is a hospital and schools in the vicinity."

3. The act of February, 1903, defined the area for freight and warehouse purposes along the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. By that act Congress limited the trackage to the east of First Street, Northeast. If this square is now invaded by your permission, warning is given in the report of the Commissioners it will be but the beginning of the end violation vested property rights in that vicinity. Blocks both north and south of that square will be invaded notwithstanding hospitals, Churches, schools, and residents who have invested their money in property and its improvement, believing that the act of 1903 fixed the "dead line" westward for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. We furthermore cite the fact that the citizens who have no franchise in conjunction with the Government paid $3,000,000 to locate the Union Station and thereby stop railroad invasion and give stability to property values.

4. There is no public demand in the interests of the public good for an invasion of square 673. This has been repeatedly shown in your committees, and has been practically in the early stages of the controversy by the promoters of this proposition. Nearly 1,000,000 square feet lying wholly on the east side of First Street within the limits of the act of 1903 for railroad and warehouse purposes are now unused and available for said purposes.

We therefore most urgently petition Senators and honorable members of Congress to defeat these bills in the interest of fair play. We believe it is greed of gain seeking to advance itself at the expense of the rights of individuals, and largely individuals who are engaged wholly in a work of philanthropy. The training school has not one dollar of pecuniary accruing to any of its corporators or employees.

Mrs. Murphy, as Chairman of the Committee on "Place of Meeting," reported that no invitation had been received.

The question of holding receptions at the Annual Meetings, after being discussed, was left to the decision of the Entertainment Committee.

Mrs. Naomi Day submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Conference, District, and Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries be not required to report the finances.

Mrs. Aiken offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Assistant Secretaries have with ability and painstaking accuracy aided so largely in recording the proceedings of this Convention; therefore

Resolved, That this body heartily join the Recording Secretary in tendering them deserved recognition in a rising vote of thanks.

The minutes of Wednesday morning were read by Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Albright. The Wednesday afternoon minutes were read by Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Thompson. All were adopted.

Rev. Dr. Allen pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

THE closing session of the Convention was presided over by Mrs. Robinson.

"Onward, Christian soldiers" was sung.

The Rev. Ira T. Walker, D. D., of Buffalo, led in prayer.

Mrs. D. D. Rhone, Associate Manager, gave a most inspiring Bible lesson, reading from the nineteenth chapter of the First Book of Kings.

The hymn "Faith of our fathers" was sung in concluding the devotional service.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was submitted by Mrs. Naomi Day, Chairman, and adopted. (See Report.)

Nominations for Bureau and Assistant Secretaries, Chairmen of Standing Committees, editor and publisher of *Woman's* and *Children's*

Home Missions, and other officers recommended by the Board of Trustees were submitted by the Recording Secretary and confirmed as found on pages 6-24 of the Annual Report.

The observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society included addresses from Mrs. F. A. Aiken on "Organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society;" Mrs. E. L. Albright on "The Way We Have Come;" Mrs. D. L. Williams on "Our Advance in Mission Work;" and Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft on "Our Advance in Deaconess Work."

A brief inspiring closing address was made by the Rev. J. F. Day, D. D., Chancellor of Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

The President, Mrs. Robinson, in a most impressive manner gave "Our Pledge for the Future."

She requested all officers, Secretaries, delegates, missionaries, and deaconesses, all who have any connection with the Woman's Home Missionary Society—to *rise.*

She then said in words of Holy Writ, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." This will keep mind and spirit ready for service. And now as you return home with a broader vision of the great privilege of being a woman of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, will you raise your right hand and repeat after me, "Now in this great presence, with a real sense of my responsibility to God, I do promise to return to my work with faith and courage, purposing to accept my commission in the power of the Spirit and do my utmost to enlarge and strengthen the work of this godly Society for love of Christ and in His name."

"Go forward and possess the land, for ye are able." May the Lord direct you in all your doings with His most gracious hand, and further you with His continued help, that in all your works begun, continued, and ended by Him, you may glorify His holy name; and finally by His mercy obtain life everlasting.

While the large audience remained standing, Dr. Day pronounced the benediction and the Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church adjourned.

Mrs. F. A. Aiken, *Recording Secretary.*
Mrs. E. L. Albright,
Mrs. B. S. Potter,
Mrs. D. D. Thompson,
Mrs. I. J. Reynolds,
Mrs. M. H. Nason,
Assistants.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Mrs. George O. Robinson.

THIS is the thirtieth Anniversary of the founding of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and our Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting.

Our Corresponding Secretary has given you the statistics of our growth and the record of the year's work, and our Treasurer has recounted to you the increase in property and in income. The mechanism of this great Association is growing in magnitude. It will further be developed into a harmonious body of great power when we get into good working order the added mechanism of the general divisions that were so wisely instituted at our last Annual Meeting.

But let the machinery be never so wisely planned, it is only *machinery* until it is operated upon by dynamic energy. "Not by might, not by power, but by My Spirit," saith the Lord of hosts. So we gather here not only to count the achievements of the past year, and to become intelligent about the many lines of our missionary activities, but to become imbued with the Christ-spirit of service and of love, and to renew our spiritual power. Day by day, let us come to our "Quiet half-hour of prayer and supplication," and so increase our strength and build up our faith.

We have truly great reason for gratitude to the Giver of all good, for during the past year one of our large Missions (Boaz, Alabama) has been stricken by pestilence, and yet all were saved; not one death from the dread smallpox. We have lost our Kent Home by fire, but the brave Bureau Secretary has gone forward with the erection of a new Kent Home, better equipped, more commodious, with all the modern conveniences, and *built within the limits of her appropriation,* which she is to present to you at the Meeting.

Truly we may praise our God for mercies past. Our work is growing both in stability and in extent. We have finished the beautiful Mission School at Meisenheimer, N. C.; we are rebuilding the new Boylan Home, that will largely increase our opportunities in Florida; the new Home for Spanish Girls at Tucson, Arizona, is occupied; the Indian Mission of Stickney Home has new quarters, and there are plans for a new building

at the Kansas City National Training School. Our Conference Societies are also increasing their facilities; the new, commodious, and beautiful Deaconess Hospital at Colorado Springs, the beautiful, extensive Orphanage of the Southern California Conference—all these extensions indicate progress, and yet—it is sad to think of the open doors through which the eager hands of poor little children are beckoning us, that we can not enter because of lack of funds.

From the Arctic Circle comes the earnest plea to open a Mission at Nome. Hear what the Board of Home Missions says of our Alaska Missions: "The fame of the Jesse Lee Home has gone abroad throughout all Southwestern Alaska," while of the Reindeer Mission at Sinuk it says, "Think of these workers nearly thirty miles from Nome, with a band of natives on the bleak and barren shore of Behring Sea, and you will have a picture of faith and consecration worthy of apostolic times." O, that we might give them fellow-workers at Nome!

Our appropriations for our fine school at Honolulu fall far below the needs, but we have no more money; what can be done? From the Pacific Coast come supplications to increase schools and homes for the Japanese; from the Dakotas come pleas to establish a hospital for which land and money will be donated; from Iowa comes the offer of fine property, ten acres, on which are good buildings for a Deaconess Home and Hospital; from Oklahoma comes the plea for an Orphanage, and the same plea comes from the South; neither is there one of our existing institutions that is content; all are making pathetic entreaties for more money to provide larger opportunities for doing good. But our income is barely meeting our expenses. We can not take on new work except at the cost of work we already have.

Do you wonder that we are toiling and praying to wipe away the last vestige of debt that we may march forward and possess the golden land of opportunity?

Then, too, we need in addition to our regular income, special gifts from those whom God has made "stewards" of money. For these special needs, we must have special gifts.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY WORK IN ALL METHODISM.

Last year I called your attention to the need of "Pluri-Lingual" workers, that is, deaconesses and missionaries who can speak and teach in different languages. We are making some little progress in meeting the great opportunity, but only a little.

There are ten German Conferences, with nearly sixty-five thousand members, and yet we have no German Auxiliaries. We have taken a step forward, as our Trustees have voted to recommend to you the employment of a German Organizer or Field Secretary to work among her own people.

There are four Swedish Conferences, with nearly nineteen thousand members, but we have no Swedish Organizer and are touching the Swedes only slightly. Glad I am that we have the "Susannah Wesley Home" for Scandinavian young women in Chicago. May it be the beginning of a good Home Missionary awakening among our Swedish sisters.

Within the last two years an Italian Mission has been founded with forty preaching places, and we ought to be organizing the Italian women into Auxiliaries, which we have not yet done.

I have not spoken of work among the French, yet all throughout New England the French are everywhere. "Little Canadas," as they are called, are in the manufacturing towns. There is a loud call for evangelical French mission work in old New England.

There are two Conferences of Norwegians and Danes, with over six thousand members. Here is a fine opportunity to do good to our own Methodist people, and yet our Society has no Auxiliary among them.

The Slavs have good work carried forward for their betterment at Marcy Home, Chicago, and at the McCrum Slavonic Training School, Uniontown, Pa., but both of these excellent institutions need enlarged appropriations, that we do not nave the money to give them.

God hasten the day when there shall be no race of any clime or color living on soil over which floats the American flag, but shall have a teacher of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

OUR WORK AMONG FOREIGNERS.

The "World's Work" for October says: "With a million immigrants a year (seventy per cent of them Italian, Slavs, and Jews), with a declining native birth-rate, and an increasing foreign birth-rate, it is a very simple arithmetical problem to figure out how long it will be before the Anglo-Saxon is submerged with his social ideas and his superior civilization." This quotation does not recognize the Asiatic elements that are further added to our population on the Pacific Coast, nor the Spanish-Americans that are crowding in on our Southwestern border.

It is not surprising that all varieties of workers, sociological, political, religious, are studying hard the new complications that surround us. Especially is it imporant for us Christian women to recognize conditions. No other people that ever existed has possessed the privilege that we have of staying in our homes, and at the same time carrying forward a foreign missionary work of vast proportions. Read Professor Steiner's books on Immigration, and you will realize how those that return to their homes carry the leaven of new ideas. Many a Christian Mission in foreign lands has been started by those who have been converted in our homeland.

It is stimulating and encouraging to reflect that every ship that leaves our shores, East or West, may carry a possible missionary to his own people.

God's laws and God's love is the only power that will assimilate the

foreigners with our American people. Israel Zangwell well expresses this in his book, "The Melting Pot." He recognizes that the divine element is what is to make of many peoples, *one people.* He calls America "God's Crucible," "this great new continent which melts up all race differences." "Yes, the East and the West, the North and the South, the palm and the pine, the Pole and the Equator, the Crescent and the Cross! How the great Alchemist melts and fuses them with his purging flame! Here shall they all unite to build the Republic of Man and the Kingdom of God."

PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

Last year in my Annual Address I said, "We have a Permanent Deaconess Fund, for the Church does not permit us to invite young women to give their lives unreservedly in consecrated service for God and His needy children, save as we provide for all exigencies in sickness and old age." I then said, "Why not inaugurate a like plan for our Missionaries? We have capable, earnest women, who are able to work out plans for a 'Missionary Fund' in some similar way that will not tax our General Treasury. I recommend to this General Board of Managers that you take formal action on this proposition for a 'Permanent Missionary Fund,' and that a 'Committee of Administration' of five members be appointed at this session to formulate plans and to report at the next Annual Meeting."

I have to report that so far we have not been able to secure a woman as Secretary of the "Permanent Missionary Fund" who will give her time, strength, and earnest thought to making a success of this fund.

This is a sad confession to make. Where are the women who are leading lives of ease and leisure without giving a thought to the service of God's needy ones? Some of our busy missionaries are willing to cooperate, but we need an active, vigorous Chairman of this Committee, who will have the strength, courage, and devotion to do the head work necessary to initiate this new fund and place it on a solid foundation. Pray God the right woman may be directed to this essential duty.

PAYMENT OF DUES AND PLEDGES.

Last year I asked your attention to the importance of paying the annual dues early in September, stating that it would save many dollars of interest money to our Treasury. It has been a matter of great rejoicing that so many of our loyal Auxiliaries have instituted this practice. We thank you heartily for what you have done, and ask that all Auxiliaries may soon conform to this as a settled custom. "He gives twice who gives promptly."

The same words may be said concerning our Pledges. We are aiming for the best business methods. Very important missionary undertakings depend upon your generous pledges.

How can we honor those Conferences that always meet their pledges? Do you advise some badge or pin that can add successive bars for successive years of faith in meeting every obligation?

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE BOARDS.

We highly commend the plan of holding monthly meetings of the Conference Executive Boards. Such stated meetings insure a constant supervision of all the interests of the Society within the Conference.

The monthly meetings of the Rock River Conference are especially to be commended, for they are opened wide to all friends of the work. Such meetings lead us to be "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

One of the most hopeful signs in our Christian work is the interest that has been taken by our young people in missionary matters. A vigorous campaign for missionary education throughout the Church has been conducted during the last few years, and the result is felt in our own Society.

We are approaching the subject of Home Missionary work in our Colleges through alliances with the Young Women's Christian Association. The Association is also opening the way for Home Mission work in the Student Volunteer Conventions, and our International Council is helping greatly by the Conventions at Northfield and other religious centers for summer work.

There are two plans for work among young college women that promise great returns when put into practical execution. One is to obtain a Secretary who shall work in connection with the Young Women's Christian Association with the girls in the different colleges during the nine months of their attendance in college, and also to co-operate with our Field Secretaries in winning the attention, interest, and devotion of the college women who are gathered at the great summer meetings.

The other plan, I am glad to say, has already been put into execution in our Detroit Conference. This is to have Auxiliaries at Large for College Women in all of our large cities, called "College Women's Auxiliaries." In beginning this work in Detroit, we found that scarcely one of the girls who have since joined our organization had any relation to the Auxiliaries of either the Woman's Foreign or Home Societies. They had only their own Clubs and Associations for pleasure and culture.

The Trustees authorized the beginning of the work in January. The Auxiliary was started in a modest way and has grown to about thirty members in Detroit, and plans for other organizations are making in other Michigan cities. At first it was objected that these young women could join the regular Auxiliaries meeting in our Churches, but investigation proved that not one per cent of them were so connected.

By having an Auxiliary-at-Large for college women in the different cities, we believe that there will be drawn to our work women who shall grow up to be leaders for the future in our different Churches.

Be that as it may, we want to give these young women a new ideal of the meaning and power of life and to send them with bounding confidence into the to-morrow.

OUR CHILDREN.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

The world awoke to a new value of little children when the Savior uttered these tender, loving words. Each century has strengthened this valuation, and now Child Conferences engage the services of the noblest and purest minds.

A great President performed one of his worthiest acts when he drew together experienced men and women from the entire country to study the welfare of the children of the land. Long before the great movement for child labor became prominent, our Methodist women were founding schools to care for the children of the colored race.

In truth, our work is largely among children. We recognize the right of childhood to such an education as will fit each child to earn its own support; that will instruct each child in good morals, and above all, in personal piety, which alone is the true support for morality and right living.

Our work for children is each year improving and becoming more in touch with the latest scientific developments. Our Deaconess Home in Philadelphia is doing a work with children that deserves special commendation.

THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

This past year there has been a notable awakening in the interest and activity of the Laymen of the Church. We have rejoiced in the large assemblies, in the increased sympathy and co-operation of thousands of our business men who have helped in this great forward movement.

Our hopes and our prayers are for its increased growth and power. We ask our brethren only that they do not narrow the Divine Commission. A speaker at the General Episcopal Convention now meeting in Cincinnati said, "The Church sends missionaries abroad, but here in our own land are forty million people for whom we are doing nothing."

The Divine Commission is "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

We women of the Church do not regard the Layman's Missionary Movement as of recent origin. We date back its beginning to forty years ago in Boston, when a little band of faithful women gathered in Tremont Street Church and founded the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

It took a long step forward when in 1880, thirty years ago, another noble little band, largely inspired by those great souls, Dr. and Mrs. R. S.

Rust, met in Cincinnati, and with courage and sublime faith founded the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

These were the advance Laymen's movements whose influence has been felt through the Home Land and all Foreign Lands. We are longing and praying for more women to join us. We need all women of every kind. There is a place and work for each. Especially should all women of leisure, of culture, of scholarship, heed this call. Such women need an "arrest of thought" that will cause them to consider the comparative worth of selfish pleasure or even selfish culture in comparison with the great work of making the world better. Social positions, pleasure, riches—these are vanishing elements; the returns from unselfish, loving lives of devotion to others are enduring.

This is the dawn of a new day of spiritual power. O, you who are sleeping, awake! Awake! to new joys; to the delights of loving sympathy and service. We call to you, "Arise! Shine! For the light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

We are glad also to recognize the aggressive leadership of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The *Survey* in its July number says that this Society has led the Churches of the South in social action. "It has taken the most advanced position of them all in working against child labor, both by personal influence with employers and by agitating for preventive legislation."

OUR WORK IS UNIVERSAL.

The great fact about our glorious Woman's Home Missionary Society—the fact that thrills you as you think of it; that nerves you to heroic endeavor; that makes you feel that it is large enough to be the object of woman's best efforts, is its *universality.*

The Work Is Not For One Class of Women; it is for all women of every class who need help. We not only teach children in the Mission Schools; welcome the homesick immigrant girls; care for the sick, and watch tenderly over the dying, but our deaconesses go to the poor rich women and inspire them to higher motives and to unselfish lives.

Our Workers are Not of One Class. This is why we are fitted to do such a variety of service. Every woman of every kind is needed. Every woman is wanted, rich, poor, high, low, taught in the colleges or schooled in the larger university of privation, hard work and constant self-denial. Whichever you are, whoever you are, we want you. God has His plan for you; we have His place for you. No one is so poor, so ignorant, so feeble that God can not use him to do a great work.

Do you *know* that the entire mission work was begun by a colored man, John Stewart, and the first convert was an Indian squaw? In the Northern part of Ohio, near Upper Sandusky, is a little church owned by the Board of Foreign Missions which stands on the spot where, in 1814, John Stewart, guided by the Spirit of God, preached the gospel to the Wyan-

dotte Indians. This led to the organization of our General Missionary Society in 1819, the beginning of all of our great missionary work.

How true it is that it is not by man's wisdom, strength, or riches that God works His great plans!

Again, the universality of our work is shown in that it comprehends so many causes in which women outside of the limits of our Society are engaged. The Woman's Club Movement, with a membership of eight hundred thousand, started with the idea of congenial society and intellectual improvement, but it has risen to the consideration of great social interests, education, civil service reform, forestry, child labor.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union with a membership of over five hundred thousand women is attacking not only alcohol, but all forms of vice and wretchedness, and has become a great power for bettering social conditions.

It is well for us women of the Woman's Home Missionary Society to recognize the truth that however differently we may approach the special thought, all of these women are working to uplift humanity. It is well for us Christian women to recognize that we are a part of the vast movement of unselfish service which is bringing to pass the vision of the Seers, "There shall be a new heaven and a new earth."

"And the Lord of Right still sits on His throne,
Still wields His scepter and rod;
And the winds, and the waves, and the years move on,
Doing the will of God."

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Delia Lathrop Williams.

It seems but a few days since we gathered in the spacious and beautiful First Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, and from the "joyful pilgrimage" thither we were brought in God's good providence safely back to our homes and loved ones. Again the Master permits us the inspiration of "seeing each other's face," and hearing the grateful testimony to His blessed care of the work and the workers.

When the Board of Managers was welcomed, at the end of its tenth year, to this city of a century-old Methodism, the President in the opening address recommended as one of the immediate needs of the Society a Training School for Missionaries. A second recommendation was, more thorough organization in the Conferences; and a third, an effort to make our work more nearly self-sustaining. Since then two decades have passed, and we now have three well-equipped National, and two well-established Conference Training Schools, and also the beginnings of a Slavonic Training School for Slav missionaries.

The Conferences have organized the district associations, and for many years have had a number of faithful women employed as field workers to assist in the development of the Conference work. We have not yet made great progress toward self-supporting Missions, but we must not lose sight of this aim and ought constantly to push it, and to this end we should have more definite reports on "self-help" from our Bureau Secretaries and Committees.

When the President of twenty years ago asks near the close of her address "What is the work of the next decade?" she replies to her own question, "No one can fully answer." That question has been answered for that decade and for the next, and we are now three decades on our journey, but no prophet is here to-day who can answer the question, "What is the work of the next decade?" It will undoubtedly emphasize and enlarge all the lines of work we now have, and will give much more emphasis to the city problems, and the social and evangelistic work connected with our mining and industrial centers. Our problems have come to be *sociological* and *educational* as well as religious: social and educational that their solution may be religious, and in our trained missionaries and deaconesses we have specially fitted agencies for attacking them.

A GLANCE BACKWARD.

As we stand on the outer edge of thirty years of independent missionary organization, the impulse to remember those who began the journey with us is irresistible. A few still remain, but most have folded tired hands and gone to rest. We think first of our general officers, Mesdames Hayes, Davis, Rust, Dale, and Clark; and of the Board of Trustees, in which Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. Whetstone, and Mrs. Thorne were especially helpful. We think of Mrs. Abram Thompson, our first publisher of *Woman's Home Missions,* and of many others.

There still remain with us of that early band Mesdames Walden, Wiley, Dymond, Ampt, McCabe, and a few more.

How vividly I recall the proceedings of the first Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, held for three days in the lecture room of St. Paul Church, Cincinnati! The meeting was opened with a half hour's service of prayer. The prayers were not formal "addresses to the Throne of grace," but heartfelt outpouring of the spirit for help and guidance in the new field of Christian service. All felt the strong arm and the divine light to be a necessity in this untried way.

We had with us among others the clear-headed and warm-hearted Mrs. Culver, of Erie Conference, who was one of the first of this early group to be called home; the beautiful Mrs. Cory, of Cleveland, representing the East Ohio Conference; the woman of great energy and strongly marked personal characteristics, Mrs. Colonel Springer, of the Upper Iowa Conference, and the always helpful Mary Haven Thirkield, who is still one of us. Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, who has so recently gone home, and Jennie Smith, the railroad evangelist, made addresses in this meeting, and Drs. Fowler, Vincent, Foss, Kynett, and Chaplain McCabe, all but one afterward bishops, sent letters of congratulation.

In the second Annual Meeting in the same place, after the opening service of a half-hour of prayer, Mrs. Davis, acting President, spoke of an experience at a recent missionary conference when listening to the testimonies of Christian women. She said: "My heart glowed with a sudden rapture. I saw the Son of man walking softly in the midst of His consecrated ones with hands full of blessing, and as He looked into each loyal heart and saw that with all its mistakes and inconsistencies, its lack of fervor and of faith, there was a deep underlying purpose to love and serve Him, I seemed to hear Him whisper to one and another, 'My daughter, you are My delight.' As I looked into His face so full of infinite love, I said, 'Our Lord has come again to walk in His garden, and His children, unafraid, do not flee from Him, for love has cast out fear.'"

Sisters, our foundations were laid in faith and prayer, but the vision of God's presence was not alone for that early gathering of devoted women; the same uplift of soul may be ours in this twenty-ninth Annual Meeting. Do you not see the Master among us pouring His chrism upon the heads of the consecrated women assembled here to-day, thus lifting

this gathering out of a mere business convocation into a quiet spiritual feast with each other, Christ Himself our Host and Lord? The vision is surely for each of us, and with the prophet let us say, "It hasteth toward the end, and shall not lie: though it tarry we will wait for it, because it will surely come: it will not delay." We, too, like Him, will stand upon our watch day by day in this meeting, and look forth to see what our Lord will speak with us. We need not be anxious though many strong women have passed on, for the Lord knows where still to find His Deborahs and Esthers, His Marys and Dorcases, His Davises and Rusts: workmen that need not to be ashamed.

ADVANCE.

The Treasurer has told you that the cash income from the Conferences last year was $228,336, exclusive of bequests, annuities, and loans. This is a gain of $12,065 over the previous year, which is not as large an advance as we had hoped from the effort to double our membership. But it is a solid advance from which there will be no retreat, and which gives us courage to work harder the present year.

Our Auxiliary membership has made a gain of 9,933, our Circle membership of 1,114, the subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* 500, and to *Children's Home Missions* 1,300. All this indicates a healthy and steady growth, for which we thank God and purpose to "be strong and of good courage" till the promised land is ours.

The Society has much with which to demonstrate its growth during the past year. Kent Home at Greensboro, North Carolina, which was burned December last, has been rebuilt with a capacity for forty girls. The pledges that have been made and those added here will undoubtedly cover the remaining debt for building and furnishing.

The property the Society owned at Jacksonville, Florida, for the Boylan Home and Brewster Hospital, has been sold, a new site purchased, and a fine building for Home and School will be ready for occupancy the first of November. There will be no debt on the building, but the Home and School will need furnishings.

An excellent building serving for school purposes as well as a Home for both boys and girls has been built at Meisenheimer, North Carolina, at a cost of $15,000 to take the place of the Home destroyed by fire at Lenoir, upon which there was very little insurance. There will be some debt on this Home that we can cancel the coming year if our "Building and Improvement" fund is paid.

The property at Lynden, Washington, where Stickney Home was located, has been sold for $5,000; a twenty-acre farm bought at Everson on the border of the Indian Reservation, the house enlarged and improved, and a school house and barn built, with a small balance in the treasury for other necessary improvements.

A fine new building for an Industrial Home and School has been completed at Tucson, Arizona, for Spanish girls at a cost of nearly $18,000, with a debt remaining which will be fully canceled, we hope, by pledges at this meeting.

The Mission building at Sinuk, Alaska, has been completed and no debt, and other improvements are being considered.

The Susannah Wesley Home at Honolulu has received $5,000 endowment, and a second endowment gift yielding $300 annually.

E. E. Marcy Home, of Chicago, has been improved at a cost of over $4,000 with no debt; Pittsburg Deaconess Home has built a commodious addition, which, together with repairs, will cost $20,000, with a debt of only $7,500, which the Conference will meet within three years.

Buffalo has added to the recently erected Minard Hall improvements to the value of $1,000, and no debt.

Graham Hospital at Keokuk has built an annex at a cost of $20,000.

A good property valued at $10,000, called the "Jane Crouch Memorial Home," has been given to the Southern California Conference this year for work among the Japanese in Los Angeles, and a property valued at $20,000, consisting of sixty rooms, on seventeen and one-half acres of ground, has also been given the same Conference for a Children's Home. This is located at Lordsburg, thirty-five miles east of Los Angeles, and is called the "David and Margaret Home for Orphan Children."

OPPORTUNITIES.

Of the religious needs of our marvelous North and our "Giant Northwest" many of us had abundant evidence last year, by which we have been stirred to help to build religious foundations. Of the great and growing Southwest we know less, but it, too, claims our specific attention, for it is a continent in size. The two States of Arizona and New Mexico alone have an area of 260,000 square miles, with an extent from east to west as great as from New York to Chicago. These States, with Oklahoma and Texas, are moving with mighty strides into important places in the Union. They are rich in agricultural and mineral resources. In the year 1907 Arizona outstripped every mining region in the world in its mineral output, reporting a total valuation of $67,000,000. This State has the largest untouched forest in the United States. One-fifteenth of all the area of New Mexico is prospected coal lands, and other minerals abound.

The growth of Oklahoma has been phenomenal; great in its agricultural possibilities, becoming great in its manufactures and mines, with more banks than Kansas and Nebraska combined, it is greatest of all in its cosmopolitan people largely made up of the "assorted fruit" of both North and South. But its people are absorbed in obtaining homes and fortunes, so that it is estimated that three-fourths of the men and boys and half of the people are outside any Church.

Texas is an empire in itself with more miles of railroad and more surface on which to build railroads than any other State in the Union. Its possibilities for agriculture and commerce are without limit. El Paso, a city of nearly fifty thousand population, the largest for five hundred miles in three directions, is the commercial gateway to Arizona, New Mexico, and West Texas, as well as the route of emigration through which thirty thousand Mexicans pass annually into the United States. The future of the city of Galveston no prophet can forecast. The Panama Canal will make Texas the emporium State of the Southwest. It is therefore of the greatest importance as a missionary center. See "The Frontier," page 170.

The Romish Church in our Southwest is strong and aggressive and exceedingly superstitious, but a multitude of Eastern people, attracted by the marvelous scenery and the climate, and multitudes more by the hope of gain, are moving into the broad expanses, so that the traveler finds a city to-day, where a year ago he found only an empty stretch of prairie. The year 1907 saw more than eighty thousand home seekers settle in New Mexico alone. A Methodist pastor, writing of this rapid development, says, "Where there was a barren waste last year, this year there is a city, a Methodist house of worship, and a partially self-sustaining Church."

This is the land of opportunity, and now is the time for laying foundations in the minds and hearts of the children and youth for vast possibilities of Christian living in the future years. (See page 98, "Methodism and the Republic;" also "The Frontier," Dr. Ward Platt.)

And what of our woman's work in this vast area?

We have a well-appointed Home for the training of Spanish-American girls in Albuquerque. You who visited it last year know how attractive it is, and you saw convincing evidence of its efficiency. You know also of our new Home at Tucson, Arizona, which in the years to come will be a minister of light and love to hundreds of young girls. Two Homes for the training of Spanish-American girls into efficient young women for Christian service in the Methodist Church in the four great States of Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. This is all for our own race.

We have two Industrial Homes for colored girls in Texas; a prosperous Indian Mission at Farmington, New Mexico; an Indian missionary for the Poncas in Oklahoma, and one to the Yumas in Arizona. This is all, where tens of thousands of dollars could be profitably used for the kingdom. For years El Paso has been stretching out pleading hands to the Society to help it to open a settlement work among the women and children of its Spanish-speaking people. We can not afford to neglect such a strategic place. In Oklahoma a gift has been offered us for a Children's Home, which we would gladly accept but have not yet been able to do so.

Again, we are told by those who have abundant means of knowing that there is no field so fruitful of good results as our Southern States, and how they plead with us for just a little help, if no more can be given,

and they tell us of McClesky and Ritter and Holly Springs and Atlanta, and urge something like these Homes for their girls!

And our work among the European immigrants—what shall we say of it? The Italian Bureau of Emigration calculates that in the year 1908 there were one million seven hundred and fifty thousand Italians residing in this country, which is a larger population than that of any other nationality of Southern Europe. More than two-thirds of this number reside in six Eastern States, including Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and New York. Because these people are easier of access and more responsive to missionary effort, much of our city work in the past year has been in their behalf. Wherever an Italian mission is begun it glows with such zeal and devotion that we can not keep pace with its growth, and the workers are inspired by the success of their work.

What do you think of a wife and housekeeper, a Conference Secretary, an unsalaried woman, having an Italian night school of forty pupils with no dependable helpers, with sewing classes having an average attendance of 130 to provide for and conduct, giving each Tuesday evening to a class in Bible study, and each Thursday evening to a prayer meeting, looking after their services on Sabbath, making 319 calls on families during the year, and caring for their sick—all this and no paid helper? This is what one of our good women in one of our cities has been inspired to do for the Italian people.

At Utica, New York, where we have a fine Italian Mission, our women now own a valuable site of 80 x 180 feet, and purpose laying the cornerstone of a new building next month.

A growing Italian Mission is conducted at Altoona, Pennsylvania, and a missionary among these people has been employed the last year in New Orleans. Marcy Home and outlying places are giving the Italians special attention, and we believe that Doctor Wright is correct in his estimate of this nationality which in the past has been the leader in government, literature, art—all that goes to make up civilization save freedom to worship God.

Missions among other foreigners, if not so markedly aggressive and successful, have given abundant encouragement for future work.

Let us thank God that, notwithstanding our resolutions and reiterations that we will not grow, yet we are growing because we must, for we are alive, and a vital force can not but assert itself.

AFFILIATION.

The large number of submerged people in our rapidly growing cities, badly fed, badly housed, often the abject slaves of appetite and passion, sometimes the helpless victims of circumstances, make city missionary work a growing and constantly more important and more imperative demand on the Church.

The conviction has at last taken hold of us that it is both cowardly

and *selfish* to move our churches to the attractive suburbs and leave the masses, who most need the gospel, to fester and die in their sins with never a voice lifted in protest or helpfulness.

To give greater efficiency to the work of our own Church the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has taken over the "National City Evangelization Union," making it a part of its own organization under the title of "The Department of Cities." Cities meeting specified conditions will receive help from this Board, if after investigation it seems to be needed.

Would it not be well for the city representatives of the Woman's Home Missionary Society to confer with the administrative Boards of the respective cities where we have work as to fields and needs, and the disposition of forces at our command, so that by mutual co-operation the greatest good may result? While one can chase a thousand, two can put ten thousand to flight.

DEACONESS WORK.

The Superintendent of Deaconess Work and the Secretaries associated with her will speak to you of that department in fuller detail than I can do. I am repeating what you already concede when I say that this arm of Home Mission service is an exceedingly important one. We depend very largely upon the deaconesses for our city work; they are nursing in our hospitals, and busy at our railroad stations; they are laboring in our mining districts, and ready to serve wherever there is hard and self-denying work to be done. We commend them to your generous care always and everywhere.

Will you not tell your earnest young women about our excellent training schools, whose gates stand open to every point of the compass? The National Training Schools at Washington, Kansas City, and San Francisco, and the Conference Training Schools at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Des Moines, Iowa, furnish abundant opportunities, at very moderate expense, for careful preparation for valuable service in both missionary and deaconess work. Sibley Hospital at Washington, the Graham Hospital at Keokuk, Iowa; the Burge Hospital at Springfield, Missouri; and Brewster Hospital at Jacksonville, Florida, are not only open to patients at a very moderate charge, but are training schools for nurses for the service of the Church.

Besides these there are two hospitals of like character owned by Conference Woman's Home Missionary Societies—the Southern California Methodist Hospital and the Colorado Conference Hospital. The Woman's Home Missionary Society is affiliated with the Flower Deaconess Hospital of Toledo, Ohio, and the Indiana Methodist Episcopal Hospital at Indianapolis, Indiana. All these hospitals are open to women who desire training for missionary work, and we should be glad to see them all filled with workers from our own consecrated young people.

RELATION TO FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is in the work for the immigrant that we touch foreign work so markedly that even a blind man must see the relation. *Leslie's Weekly* tells us that a speaker was about to address a meeting in a Slovac village in Hungary in the native tongue, when he was promptly requested to speak in English. He found that eighty per cent of the three thousand inhabitants had lived in America. These people had carried home with them not only the language, but American ideas of religion and government, which were most active leaven in their villages.

Doctor Steiner finds everywhere in Southern Europe "returned emigrants" advocating American ideas, wearing American clothes, and using American slang. A large number coming here with no faith in their National Church have fallen under the influence of the Protestant faith, and return to preach it from an open Bible. What a rare opportunity this for foreign work, for these "traveled people" who return with American shoes on their feet and American gold in their pockets are persons of vast influence in their home villages.

It is not necessary that the emigrant return even to do good missionary work. The *"Immigrant Tide"* tells us of a district physician sent out into one of the poorest districts in Hungary, in the Carpathian Mountains, where he found no access to the people. In sickness the witch doctor was "the first aid," and if she failed the priest was sent for, and if he and the interceding saints failed the patient was given over to die, for there was nothing more to be done. In vain the doctor displayed his drugs, insisted on fresh air in the dwellings, and preached a crusade against alcohol. His windows were broken by a mob, and he was threatened with violence because he was regarded as the enemy of the community. For five years he accepted poverty, neglect, even insolence. Then there came a change. Some men of the district had gone to America, and were sending money home and writing letters, and this is what they said, "If there is anything the matter with the children, send for the doctor." A scourge of scarlet fever came and the witch's patients died, the doctor's lived; confidence was established; the doctor was welcomed into homes and called to other villages; the witch doctor disappeared; the community was awakened from a sleep of centuries; as of old the gospel of healing had opened the way for the higher message of the spiritual life, and a new era dawned in that mountain district. This good foreign missionary work was done by the reactionary influence of emigration.

OUR FIELD WORKERS.

I fear we have not been so considerate of our field workers as we should have been. Several of them have partially or entirely broken down in the past year, which has been a great disappointment both to them and to the Conferences expecting their services. There is no work in the

Society so exhausting and difficult as this field work, and everything should be done to make it as easy as possible without diminishing its effectiveness.

I have wondered if our women were not making a mistake in planning for their workers to spend so large a proportion of their time in entertaining well-established Auxiliaries, or in arousing semi-somnolent ones. The work of keeping Auxiliaries alive and active, it would seem, could be done by the local women, so that the field workers could devote their time to leading old flocks into new pastures and sowing seed in new fields. I know how easy it is for well-meaning people to lose interest, but it does not seem as if we ought to keep gifted women in the field simply to wake up sleeping folks. Should not the officers of each district and Conference command ozone enough to keep their Auxiliaries and Circles from the "sleeping sickness" that foretells early dissolution?

Dear Sisters, please to let your field workers do plowing and sowing in districts where there may be less than a half dozen Auxiliaries in a whole district, while you look after the organizations you have. You say "that takes money." Yes, unless you chance to have an automobile or live on a trolley line. But the Master is willing you should use some of His money in keeping people busy in this arm of the King's service, for outside of service there is no salvation. "It takes time." Yes, time, too, but you have your tithe of time for just such service as this. "It is hard work." Yes, but it is not impossible. Governor Hanly says, "To God's people there are no Alps." "It requires gifts." No, not gifts, but consecration and a heartfelt message of love, that is all; for people are won not by high-sounding phrases, but by earnestness born of the Spirit, and God will give the message when we say, "Here am I, send me."

Dear friends, have we fully realized that this work of ours is a hand-to-hand every-day business? We pray that the world may be saved, but how is to be accomplished? The only possible way is by one man saving the one next him. When we accept God's leavening plan we shall feel individually responsible and say from our hearts not "send her," but "send me."

BUREAU SECRETARIES.

For our Bureau Secretaries I want to bespeak the warmest sympathy and the utmost consideration. They are charged with heavy and growing responsibilities; appropriations for their work are cut to the lowest possible figure, and added to that a large percentage is conditional and therefore necessarily doubtful. If the money comes into the treasury they get it, if not, what then? It may not be pledged unless the Secretary make personal appeals beforehand for her work, and even if she is able to secure pledges for the entire conditional appropriation her bills for table should be paid monthly at least, her fuel should be purchased early in the fall, her incidental bills come every day, but these pledges are supposed to be well and honorably met if paid by July 15th of the year following the

Board of Managers' meeting. Then the schools will have been closed for almost two months, and what about the bills that have been accumulating during the school year? To be compelled to leave them unpaid when the Superintendent leaves for her vacation places her in an embarrassing situation, and Bureau Secretaries are not always in a position to advance money as needed and wait till it comes in. If they borrow to meet deficiencies they must pay interest. Where a Bureau Secretary has two Homes and possibly two schools or more to care for they become a heavy tax upon her time and her financial management. Fortunately most of them have able and sympathetic helpers in their Superintendents, but they need the earnest and constant help of the Conference Boards to see that the pledges are paid in large part at least as early as possible in the school year. Will you not bear in mind this word of exhortation, and so relieve heavy burdens?

Permit a word to the Conference Treasurers. It will be a great relief to the general treasury if when you have a hundred or more dollars instead of holding it in your bank for weeks without interest, until you make your Conference report at the end of the current quarter, you remit at once to the General Treasurer and credit yourself with the remittance when you make your quarterly report. Do not keep money lying idle while the General Treasurer must borrow and pay interest to meet running expenses.

MONTHLY MEETINGS.

No question is more frequently asked than this, "How can we get women to our monthly meetings?" I should say, first, by personal invitation. A written invitation or a telephone call will usually meet a favorable response. Perhaps the women of the Church should be assigned to special persons each to look after her ten—some way can be devised to remind women.

Second, there must be something worth the time and trouble to those who go or they will not care to go a second time. A warm welcome and a good program will make the meeting worth while: I fear indifferent programs are the most serious cause of lack of interest. There is now so large a library of Home Missionary literature accessible that there is no excuse for dull sessions. If the programs are made a year in advance, and each woman knows the duty assigned her, she will surely prepare for it, especially if reminded occasionally by the Program Committee.

Third, there must be a stimulating spiritual atmosphere. We are Christian women, and this is the Master's business we are engaged in, and our hearts will not be in it unless they are warmed by the Spirit: for if "any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His." Earnest prayers and earnest singing expressive of our deepest confessions and aspirations will open the gate of Heaven to us, and we shall want to go often to such a place of spiritual refreshment.

When all is done, somebody must feel responsible, and keep "always

at it," and never get discouraged, for there are always women who mean well, but have "eleven good reasons for not going to a missionary meeting."

There is still much complaint that leaders can not be found for our children and young people. Should there be this lack with our Churches well supplied with college-bred young women? Let us hope that the interdenominational college movement now being inaugurated will lead young women, while still in college, to consecrate themselves to this form of Christian service, for what is the end of education but to make our young people more helpful to those less favored than themselves.

FORWARD MOVEMENT.

We seem to be so constituted that after any special effort there must be a little period of rest "to get our breath" so to speak, and we had not quite recovered from our brave and successful effort for the "Silver Offering" when we were asked to attack another great co-operative movement. Some districts, and even Conferences, were ready under the impulse already gained to move on to fresh conquests, while others needed time to gather up their forces for a new start; but we are not of those that know defeat, and what has not yet been done *will be,* for the "eternal years" of God belong to us, His children, and what we did not accomplish yesterday we shall certainly complete to-day, or at farthest to-morrow.

The Forward Movement can not halt in the effort to double the membership, or in its march toward a fifty-thousand-dollar Building and Improvement Fund, which can be augmented by the Thirtieth Anniversary gifts. This will still be the bugle-cry of the leaders of the missionary host, and *woe* to any laggards in the ranks, for they will be trodden to death in the irresistible onward movement. The almost universal statement made in the reports is that many new members have been secured, but the gain has been largely discounted by losses in death and removal. There is often a serious falling off in Auxiliaries the next year after contests for members.

Sixty-eight of the Annual Conference Woman's Home Missionary Societies made a gain last year over the preceding one in cash paid into the treasury of $18,739.57, but unhappily thirty Conferences fell off $6,673.73, making the actual advance $12,065.84. How we covet that lost $6.673.73 that should have come to the treasury. It would have built a needed building, or kept one hundred and fifty pupils in school a year that were turned away for lack of funds. By whose lack of zeal was it lost? Or was it simply carelessness?

Will you pardon me for again urging our women to look after removals among our members? I wish some special officer or committee might be appointed in every Auxiliary to follow every removal, until the member leaving the Auxiliary be introduced and welcomed into another in her new residence. We should save hundreds of members each year if this was carefully attended to.

THE COMING YEAR.

And now, Sisters, "What is written is written." If our work has been done wisely and well, the Father's blessing will rest upon it, and it will be fruit-bearing; if we have made mistakes because of our lack of wisdom, let us pray that somehow He will so overrule that good may come out of seeming evil; if we have sometimes been indolent or careless, may we not even then hope that God by His providence may prevent lasting harm coming to His cause by our neglect?

And now, thank God, we face the East with another chance. No people since the world began have had such opportunities as we to lay up treasure in His service. The work is at our hand, and urging its claims. Whither the Master goes we know, and the way we know, for His providence and His Spirit reveal both to us.

He does not send us out at our own charges; He gives daily, hourly pay, in

"Larger floods of life and light
And sweeter songs to sing."

These are given not that we may use them for our own pleasure, or glory in their possession, but that we may become increasingly worthy of our work; for while the mountains of God contain restful places, they can not give His children *rest,* for their rest remaineth for them.

To this larger vision and these richer experiences I commend each of you and all your co-workers, and ask as Heaven's richest boon that we each be permitted to serve yet another year.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Organizations.	STATISTICAL REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP.					Whole No. Life Members	Honorary Managers	Honorary Patrons	Woman's Home Missions	Children's Home Missions
		Auxiliaries	Circles	Home Guards	Jewels	Reading Circles					
Alabama	2	50	110				1				
Arizona	10	238	25		39	238				58	
Arkansas	5	70					6			69	25
Atlanta	10	115									
Austin	4	94	20	10	22					28	20
Baltimore	64	2705	741	144	170	232	58	11	4	1007	1287
Black Hills Mission	6	80	9							30	
Blue Ridge											
California	62	1614	334	104	243					478	303
Central Alabama	1	20									
Central Illinois	40	1269	322		118					409	132
Central Missouri	9	184		6	15					6	10
Central New York	97	3730	481	310	825	167	40	6	1	792	322
Central Ohio	87	3086	655	110	257	279	213	11	7	1017	279
Central Pennsylvania	54	1755	712	122	825	199	135		18	543	666
Central Swedish	14	278									
Central Tennessee	1	26									
Cincinnati	69	2403	746	410	1324	167	476	39	17	882	296
Colorado	47	1630	362	162	581	140	47	2		597	205
Columbia River	23	467	84	45	39		7			168	57
Dakota	7	113									
Delaware	21	413	101	32	37	50				77	28
Des Moines	82	2642	616	190	409	89	18	2		940	331
Detroit	121	4215	780	101	913	275	139	35		1510	732
East Maine	7	124					4				
East Ohio	83	2800	392	145	761	133	194	15	3	616	136
East Swedish			15								
East Tennessee	8	90									
Erie	82	2976	786	183	370	58	258	11	1	981	1192
Florida	5	76					13	1			
Genesee	80	2811	252	137	782	1	134	7	16	811	960
Georgia	1	18									
Gulf Mission	3	43					1	1			
Holston	19	473	35	78	88		9			157	21
Idaho		168	15				1			58	
Illinois	60	2277	697	94	216	57	29	4	1	626	97
Indiana	60	2545	382	87	1086	206	141	4		678	226
Iowa	44	1697	263	91	210	36	20	1		703	170

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		Auxiliaries.	Circles	Home Guards	Jewels	Reading Circles					
Kansas	33	1148	150	120	288	.....	2	.....	.....	467	138
Kentucky	7	251	64	7	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	10
Lexington	21	252	15	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	2
Lincoln	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little Rock	16	105	50	37	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	10
Louisiana	7	80	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine	50	978	155	65	262	12	40	.....	.....	234	147
Michigan	80	2287	309	151	376	.....	122	.....	.....	788	258
Minnesota	28	702	750	108	360	.....	50	.....	.....	258	213
Mississippi	2	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri	1	40	10	26	12	34	1	.....	.....	10	26
Montana	3	56	.....	1	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	10
Nebraska	42	1639	383	74	112	45	4	.....	.....	402	193
Nevada Mission	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newark	57	2419	411	111	639	147	131	5	.....	685	372
New England	66	1923	236	77	1413	128	307	35	.....	586	466
New England Southern	35	1071	104	19	335	.....	73	18	.....	387	369
New Hampshire	36	709	151	37	236	.....	14	4	.....	209	202
New Jersey	54	2678	673	111	710	51	48	3	.....	425	209
New Mexico—(English)	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico—(Spanish)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York	49	1683	13	200	82	5	23	8	.....	502	270
New York East	42	2117	431	94	259	192	33	3	.....	639	311
North Carolina	4	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	14
North Dakota	15	295	103	29	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	90
North Indiana	76	2800	786	169	729	325	128	4	1	988	365
North Nebraska	32	729	113	85	88	132	7	.....	.....	264	65
North Ohio	60	2156	402	131	367	17	269	.....	1	671	295
Northern Minnesota	37	1035	75	114	158	23	4	.....	.....	449	268
Northern New York	93	2713	571	128	560	47	64	9	3	819	508
Northwest Indiana	51	1607	243	180	353	170	62	.....	.....	783	499
Northwest Iowa	76	2035	178	82	239	.....	87	5	.....	830	237
Northwest Kansas	40	681	125	75	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	450	200
Northwest Nebraska	31	729	113	85	68	132	1	.....	.....	274	65
Ohio	55	2360	488	295	247	73	323	10	1	832	327
Oklahoma	15	515	83	90	110	70	.....	.....	.....	154	36
Oregon	38	1281	181	55	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	159	52
Philadelphia	58	2677	883	65	64	703	215	42	6	588	195

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		Auxiliaries	Circles	Home Guards	Jewels	Reading Circles					
Pittsburg	79	3515	726	632	303	101	183	12	1	1267	1539
Puget Sound	35	1188	405	176	253	200	1	.....	.....	384	231
Rock River	102	4042	587	229	711	421	168	35	11	1133	278
Savannah	4	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. John's River	2	39	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	11
St. Louis	21	815	315	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	159	47
South Carolina	5	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Kansas	22	658	310	12	.....	84	6	.....	.....	254	50
Southern California	110	4442	853	298	1613	.....	51	15	.....	1320	865
Southern Illinois	33	982	301	135	202	77	12	3	.....	346	107
Southwest Kansas	49	1660	.....	.....	.....	58	160	2	.....	683	290
Texas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	3	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Troy	78	2413	894	188	257	22	267	19	.....	475	691
Upper Iowa	63	2053	270	144	226	85	226	14	.....	761	344
Upper Mississippi	1	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Utah Mission	7	99	.....	2	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	20
Vermont	39	890	180	113	105	16	57	9	.....	203	107
Washington	20	426	112	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	52	2
West Nebraska	8	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	80	.....
West Texas	36	155	28	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	11	13
West Virginia	27	651	279	62	61	98	.....	2	.....	148	.....
West Wisconsin	19	509	106	57	102	.....	42	.....	.....	225	208
Wilmington	30	1092	177	48	524	66	11	.....	.....	212	69
Wisconsin	31	746	58	42	11	.....	2	5	.....	187	29
Wyoming	75	2273	199	269	1006	20	143	6	.....	664	239
Wyoming Mission	1	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	3218	114089	22466	7291	23527	5894	5664	418	82	34104	18011
Not reported by Conf. Secretaries	.....	.....	1191	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1904	1241
Totals	.....	.....	23657	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36008	19252

ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS.

"FORWARD."

By Bishop Joseph F. Berry.

If I were to take a text to-night it would be this, "Speak unto the Woman's Home Missionary Society that it go forward."

Every Christian is a missionary. Not every one who calls himself a Christian is a missionary. But every real Christian must be. The spirit of the propaganda is upon him. If it is not upon him he is not a Christian.

So also every Christian Church is missionary. It must be. It can be a Church without being missionary, but it can not be a Christian Church. "Go ye." The Church that does not go has not the spirit of Jesus. Such a Church is doomed.

The Methodist Episcopal Church gives splendid expression to its missionary spirit, not only in the two great general Missionary Boards, but in the superb women's missionary organizations. These societies are models of compact and effective organizations. They are not surpassed in the devotion and enthusiasm of their membership, nor in the tangible results which are annually secured, by any organization on earth.

Concerning our sister society, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, there have been many cordial and kindly expressions during the progress of this convention. Our sisters have the world-wide vision. They are pouring out a wealth of love and prayer and devotion and self-denial that their sisters amid the darkness and wretchedness of heathendom may be reached and saved. For these devoted leaders and the work of their hearts and hands we eagerly pray. All hail, dear sisters, all hail! May God multiply your usefulness a thousand-fold.

Of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society we have heard much during these days. The reports from the field have filled us all with joy. The plans for advance have caused enthusiasm to rise high. How many vital things you are attempting, and how many things your are doing well! I am sure, Mrs. Robinson, your great organization is entitled to the congratulations of the whole Church.

But my text leads me to speak, not of yesterday, nor of to-day, but of to-morrow.

One of the chief perils of twentieth century Methodism is its tendency to live in the past, and to boast over much of what we have done. We have great traditions. We have an honorable history. But we

can not live upon traditions, however noble, nor upon history, however rich in achievement. Our great numbers and wealth and symmetrical organization and wide public influence may be a snare to us if the spirit of boastfulness possesses us and we rest down upon our achievements as the hope of future success.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society can not live upon its history, splendid as that history has been. The days in which we live are different days. Old things have passed away. New conditions confront us. New problems challenge us. The pace with which we moved yesterday will not do for to-morrow. If you are to succeed as I know you are anxious to succeed, you will need to run faster, aim higher, build larger, and strike harder than you have ever done before.

Will you forgive the temerity of a loyal friend of the Society if he presumes to suggest to you certain forms of activity in which it is possible for you to go forward with the certain promise of blessing to yourselves, your Church, your country, and the world?

In the first place, I exhort you to go forward in your efforts to grapple the giant problems of our great cities.

Is it not a significant fact that the earliest history of our Church in the land were in the cities? Indeed, at the beginning we were exclusively a city Church. When Mr. Asbury arrived in Philadelphia from England he discovered that Boardman and Pilmore had confined their work exclusively to New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. This displeased him, and he began, almost at once, to open work in the rural regions. Writing of this matter in his Journal, he says, "I find that the preachers have their friends in the cities and care not to leave them." Again he says: "At present I am dissatisfied. I judge we are to be shut up in the cities all winter. My brethren seem unwilling to leave the city, but I think I shall show them the way." Returning to Philadelphia from one of his early tours in New Jersey, Mr. Asbury wrote, "I hope that before long about seven brothers of us will spread over seven hundred miles."

Well, we got into the country, and soon became the religious pathfinders of the New World. Our itinerants, astride their horses, followed the march of immigration far Westward and far Southward. The Methodist Church became the first in every wilderness and prairie settlement. The circuit-rider preached in barns, sheds, schoolhouses, courthouses, and in the leafy forests before people were able to erect even rude houses of worship. No other denomination made much pretense of doing this pioneer work. Hence we became entrenched everywhere in the country districts. Hundreds of thousands of people have been converted on these country circuits, many of whom have come to the cities to vitalize the membership of their Churches.

But we have n't done as well in the city. Nearly always first on the grounud, we have often fallen behind sister Churches who have out-

stripped us in value of property, membership, influence, and even in aggressive spiritual power. Why is this? Is not our policy as well adapted to the city as to the country? Have we not the capacity to lay hold of these centers of population? Why are we doing so little with the investment of men and money and service which our fathers made for us?

This question is big and growing larger. It is vital because the city is growing greater all the time while the country is growing smaller. Study the figures of the present census which have already leaked out. Into the city pours every year almost our entire foreign immigration. Into the city flows in vast multitudes of people from the country. The city is growing by leaps and bounds! Thirty American cities will presently have a population of a million or more. The city is an awful peril. Its badness threatens to engulf the Nation. It offers to the Church of Jesus Christ an unspeakable opportunity. Methodism has no problem open to its hands quite so large as the problem of the vast, lawless, Godless city. Why can not the system which has wrought such wonders in the country be so adjusted that it will grapple successfully with the great, overwhelming wickedness of the modern Babylon? The city is peculiarly the field of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The thought and energy and money and prayer and service you have already expended in our centers of population has been a good investment. But your investment has been but a paltry thing as yet. It must be increased tenfold. You must do things worth while. In all that relates itself to the rescue of the perishing amid the poverty and slime and sin of the great city, I say unto you women, *Go forward!*

Again, you must go forward in the emphasis you place upon the Good Samaritan side of the Christian life.

John Wesley was a Christian Socialist. His sympathies for the unfortunate were aroused while he was still a student at Oxford. Years after, when the old foundry was secured in London, a portion of the great room was furnished with benches and desks for a free school. Another part of the building was arranged for a bookstore, where publications of a useful kind could be obtained for a nominal sum. Still another part of the building was used as a dispensary where the poor came to receive advice and medicine. An experienced surgeon was employed, and within a few months five hundred patients were reported cured. Then followed the loan society and employment bureau. In the presence of the pressing needs of the common people, Mr. Wesley laid the foundations of the institutional Church, and demonstrated the fact that a Church can be foremost in evangelistic endeavor and at the same time carry forward multiplied agencies to alleviate the distresses of the unfortunate.

I would to God that the spirit of our founder might be projected across the years, and that the world's to-morrow might see Methodism

in the vanguard of the forces that must rescue the Nation from its social and moral perils!

Look at the world of industry. Are there no dangers there? What mean those dark clouds upon the horizon? Are there not mutterings of a coming storm? Organized capital is often organized greed. Organized labor is often organized tyranny. Both are Christless. The principles upon which much of the business of our times are conducted is little short of civilized barbarism.

The tap-root of this unrest is human selfishness. That saying is trite, but it is true. What is the remedy? Not education. Not agitation. Not legislation. But regeneration. The socialistic propaganda about which we are hearing so much is a hopeless propaganda. Why so? Because it fails to take account of human depravity. Society will never be saved by improved methods of government, but by improved people. Save people and you have saved society.

What Church is better fitted to grapple with these issues than our own? We have always represented Christian democracy. Our mission has been to the masses. Ours is not the poor people's Church. It never has been, though it is often referred to in that way. It has never been the poor people's Church any more than it has been the rich people's Church. We know nothing of an upper crust. We know nothing of a lower crust. We take the cake clear through. Only the Roman Catholic Church can compete with us in our position of influence among the masses.

But many among the so-called working classes misunderstand the Church. They have deep prejudices against it. They do not enter its doors. Hence the vast array of the unchurched. O, comrades of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, can not you revive the historical spirit of your Church toward the indifferent multitudes, and bring the common people in literal battalions again to our altars? I do not mean that we shall degenerate into a mere Salvation Army, though there would never have been any Salvation Army if William Booth had been permitted within the Church to work his beneficent schemes to help the poor and sinning. I would not sacrifice due churchly decorum and dignity. But I would put the big, warm heart of Methodism up against the heart of the careless or embittered multitudes and I would love them back to Jesus Christ.

We need a revival of the humanitarian spirit. Some good people need to grow manward as much as they need to grow Godward. We need a great revival of love for the people—common people, uncultured people, people who wear plain clothes, people who wear greasy clothes, people who are having it hard, people whose faces are covered with sweat and whose hands are calloused by toil. Among such live the aristocracy of this world.

"What though on homely fare we dine,
Wear boddin gray, and a' that;
Gie fools their silks, and knaves their wine—
A man 's a man for a' that,
For a' that, and a' that,
Their tinsel show and a' that;
The honest man, though e'er sae poor,
Is king of men for a' that."

Because of the character of the women enlisted, because of the form of organization under which you work, because of the spirit which animates you, and because of the doors of opportunity which swing open to you—swing open to you as to no other organization in the Church—I implore the Woman's Home Missionary Society to put new and tremendous emphasis upon the problem of winning the estranged multitudes to active sympathy with the Church.

To do this you will need to multiply in marvelous ways the number of institutions of the Good Samaritan type.

Until recently our Church has been absorbed in the work of the pioneer. We have been pushing out to the frontier. We have been buying ground and building churches. We have been holding revivals and gathering in sinners. But much of the pioneer work has been done. The frontier has been pushed back until not much of it remains. Shall we not now give attention to the work of building hospitals, orphanages, old people's homes, and the like? Every considerable center must have its Methodist hospital, in charge of our devoted deaconesses. The institutions of mercy and help of the Roman Catholic Church are a source of vast influence and power. Go into any considerable city anywhere upon the face of the earth, and behold their hospitals and orphanages! Our friends are superlatively wise in their generation. These institutions are a vital part of the Roman Catholic propaganda, and count mightily in the growth and stability of that Church. The Sister of Mercy of the Roman Catholic Church is an indispensable part of that wonderful ecclesiastical machine. So the Methodist Sister of Mercy, the deaconess, is now a vital part of our ecclesiasticism, and is to be an increasing factor in all our future success. Where we have one deaconess to-day we must have ten to-morrow. Every black-veiled Sister of Mercy who ministers in hospital or orphanage or lowly home, to the poor and suffering, must be matched by a white-tied saint in the person of a cultured, pure-souled, consecrated Methodist deaconess! These practical and Christly forms of service will commend our Church to the sympathy and confidence of the world as no other thing can, and must work marvelous results in bridging over the yearning gulf between the Church and the estranged, unchurched multitudes.

But, again, I conceive it to be the high privilege of the Woman's

Home Missionary Society to go forward in a campaign to bring about a new era in *the measure and method of giving.* I congratulate you upon the fine work you are doing in this field, and suggest a great and fruitful enlargement of your work.

To-day the question too often is, "How little can I give to God, and how much can I keep for myself?" The question ought to be, "How much can I give, and how little can I safely reserve as the basis of future investments for Christ?" To-day it is the obligation of paying. To-morrow it will be the joy, the luxury of pouring our choicest gifts into the treasure house of the King. Is it a mere extravagant dream of mine that the day is coming that to discover a Christian who is devoting less than one-tenth of his increase to the work of his Lord will excite wonder? In that day we shall be utterly ashamed of the Church of our time and its cramped and sordid measure of giving. The Hebrews distinguished between *paying* and *giving.* They first paid their debts to God—one-tenth of all their increase. They then brought their gifts. If the old Jews away back in the crude, barbaric days of the world's morning could pay one-tenth to God, ought we who live amid the light and benedictions of this Christian era to do as well? You may not at all agree with me, but I find no evidence that the law of the tithe has been annulled. Jesus said, "I come not to destroy the law or the prophets; I come not to destroy, but to fulfill." Jesus destroyed no law. He fulfilled some laws—some of the old, ceremonial laws. While certain laws were fulfilled, none was abrogated. It would be a difficult thing to prove that the law of the tenth has served its purpose, and is therefore fulfilled. But suppose we admit that the law of the tithe is no longer in force; there is a higher law. Shall we who have seen the glory of the Christ and the victories of His cross do less, as a voluntary act, than the Jews were compelled to do under the law? The Church is only playing with benevolences. We have not begun to pay what we owe. Very few of us *give* anything. Suppose we did as well as the old Jews, what would happen? Rather, what would not happen? Your executive officers who plead, and often plead in vain, for money to sustain and extend your work, would need to plead no more. Your treasury would speedily be filled, and every treasury of our Church would soon overflow, and the perplexing question in all our Board would not be how to get money enough to pay the bills, but how to wisely expend the vast sums which would annually clamor for acceptance at our hands! We ought to give $5,000,000 a year for missions abroad, and another $5,000,000 for missions at home, besides our generous gifts to education and other benevolences. I am in despair for a great, sweeping, country-wide, all-conquering revival until the Church will consent to give up its sinful covetousness. If I were Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions or the Board of Home Missions, I would instantly begin a great educational crusade upon this

question, and would persistently and zealously maintain it until the whole Church would awake to its duty and privilege. If these Boards should do practically nothing else for a year, it would be a magnificent investment of time and effort. The results, immediate and remote, would be compensation for the most strenuous agitation. The Church once placed upon the true Scriptural basis of paying, the field secretaries could be called in and the department of solicitation would go out of business.

And now I bring to the women of the Missionary Societies of Methodism the challenge to undertake this great educational crusade. It is the crying need of the hour. Almost every future success of our Church depends upon it. The Churches must be sown ankle-deep with literature upon the subject. Information, education, agitation must be the watchwords everywhere. If, before it shall adjourn, this Buffalo Convention will inaugurate this new movement in a really big and zealous way, this gathering will become historic. It will set in motion forces of inspiration and achievement that will be felt to the utmost limits of our Church, and which will hasten by generations the reign of Christ in this land and on the earth.

But, finally, permit me to express the conviction that the Woman's Home Missionary Society could mightily increase its influence and usefulness if it should become the exponent in our Church of personal evangelism.

We have upon hand just now a Laymen's Missionary Movement. That movement is one of the most remarkable facts of ecclesiastical history. Its grasp upon the confidence of the Church is wonderful. It is a mighty awakening in a field where an awakening was much needed. The good results are already apparent. These results will not be valuable, chiefly because of the increase in the collections this year or next, but because of the new sense of personal obligation which has come to tens of thousands of laymen who up to this time had little interest in the evangelization of the world. All hail to the laymen's movement for the evangelization of the world!

But I propose another laymen's campaign—one in which the members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society will logically assume a leading part—a campaign for the salvation of the multitudes of unsaved people at our doors. If the same sagacity, energy, and enthusiasm which have characterized the laymen's movement in behalf of foreign missions could be put into the crusade I now propose, there could be no doubt about its success. Of course, there is not the same romance about saving a man on the other side of the street as there is in saving a man on the other side of the globe, *but both must be saved, if we are to be guiltless.* The commission is the same. And our responsibility is as great in one case as in the other.

What urgent need there is for home missionary work! How cold and formal many of our Churches have become! What multitudes of

people in our cities who are living wholly outside of Christian influences! Go out a mile or two from almost any of your towns and villages and you will discover conditions that are actually appalling. Multitudes of farmers who once attended religious services in the village or small country church or schoolhouse near their homes, have fallen back into practical heathenism. They are engrossed in money-getting and money-hoarding, and care not for their souls.

Let me speak with the utmost frankness. The situation, so far as the Methodist Episcopal Church is concerned, is very serious. The days of our rapid growth seem to have come to an end. The fact is startling and humiliating. We are not keeping pace with the growth of the united Protestant Church of the country. During a recent year, according to figures furnished by the Department of Commerce and Labor, the Presbyterians, Lutherans, Baptists, and Disciples exceeded the Methodists in ratio of growth. The Baptists exceeded us that year by 800,000. Now we rejoice in the growth of these sister Churches, and wish them still greater success. But—but what about the Church that for a century has been recognized as the chief exponent of intense and fruitful evangelism? Sisters, something must be done, and that something must be done quickly. Is there any other force in the Church that could more quickly check this backward swing than our Christian women? Look at the situation: Last year our denomination gave $49,000,000 for all purposes. That is a large sum—too large for us to comprehend. But last year the increase in our membership was only 55,000. That is less than two converts to a congregation! What a spectacle! Raising big collections does not necessarily mean success. The pressure upon us to push up the collections is enormous. Why can not we have a little pressure to save lost people? If every member of the convention would go home resolved to throw herself passionately into the work of personal evangelism, what would happen? If each would do this in the social circle where she has influence, in the Sunday school where she teaches, in the local Home Missionary Society where she is a leader, how soon the social circle, the Sunday school, and the Missionary Society would blaze with revival fire! I have before me to-night the leaders of one of the most compact and effective and useful organizations ever formed within a denomination. My sisters, you have almost unmeasured influence. My heart and tongue are hot with my message to you. You can, if you will, set your entire organization aflame with this chiefest of all home missionary work within the next thirty days.

REPORTS FROM BUREAUS.

GEORGIA.

Thayer Home, Atlanta, Ga.

(Scholarship, $50.)

This Home was full all the year until within two weeks of the closing, when two women were called home. This caused some loss in revenue, as it was too late to fill their places. The excellent work of former years was repeated, and a number of young women received certificates for having finished the course in dressmaking, domestic science, etc.

Many more applications have come in for this year than our building will accommodate. It is too soon to know how the changes in the Freedmen's Aid work at this place will affect ours; but it is not thought that they will have any surplus rooms for our use. The extra land set aside for our use in connection with the new building is a boon, enabling us to raise most of the vegetables we use, beside feed for horses and cows. These, together with chickens, eggs, milk and butter, aid largely in furnishing the table. A small house on the grounds for the farmer and caretaker has become a necessity.

Miss Mitchell took only one month's vacation; the rest of the summer she spent in looking after the local interests of the work.

We have not been so successful in gathering funds for the new building as we had hoped. We have now in the treasury nearly twelve thousand dollars ($12,000). Several hundred dollars have been spent in preliminary work. We have a local legacy unpaid, but do not know the exact amount. It will not be less than three thousand dollars ($3,000), it is thought, and there are some pledges. But there must be some large givers before the building can go up. It has been fully demonstrated that the amount asked for is none too much.

Only those who are supremely ignorant venture any longer to express doubt as to the possibility of the advancement of the Negro race. Our own work gives abundant proof of their possibilities. Could I summon the widely scattered, cultivated women who have had their training in Thayer Home, and bring them in a solid body before an Annual Convention, what an object lesson it would be! How our hearts would be thrilled, and how eagerly each would press forward to aid in putting this work on the broad basis it deserves, by completing the building that will give many more the opportunity for the training they are longing for. Our program for this month of October has at its head this verse, "Let us go up *at once* and possess the land, for we are well able." Shall we heed it?

Haven Home, Savannah, Ga.

(Scholarship, $50.)

This Home sheltered and gave training to sixty girls, and it was one of the best years in its history. The girls were above the average in intellectual and moral qualities, and eight of them graduated from the

school in May. All seemed eager to improve the opportunities that had come to them, and a spirit of kindness and helpfulness constantly prevailed. Fine records were made in sewing and domestic work. There were a number of bright conversions; and those not Christians became so during the year.

The income was better than for several years. The good cotton crop, on which that region is so dependent, enabled the parents to pay for their daughters more generally than they have done for some time, and we had more Student Aid money. This has enabled the repairing and painting of the fence about the lot, and put some necessary repairs on the building; also to build and pay for the fire escapes. We have been trying for a number of years to get together the money for that important work. There were quite a good many cases of illness, one very serious, but the girl finally recovered, and there were no deaths. There were about three hundred in the day school, and the teachers were faithful and the work effective. Miss Baldwin took but a brief vacation, and has given most of her summer to brightening up the building and getting everything ready for another year. This year we want to build a laundry, which is much needed.

Applications for entrance have been far beyond the number that could be accommodated.

Speedwell Home, near Savannah, Ga.

(Scholarship, $50.)

We had a successful year with the large day school, and four girls in the Home. One young man took the evening lessons, completed the eighth grade, and goes this year to Tuskegee, to go on with his studies and learn the tailoring trade. Miss Troutner has done excellent work at this place, but she has resigned her position to take work elsewhere. Her place is not yet filled; but one of the former teachers has opened the school, and we hope soon to have the Home open for residents.

Mrs. G. E. Palen, *Secretary.*

Succeeded by Mrs. K. S. Burnett, 4725 Northwest Avenue, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.

FLORIDA.

Boylan Home Industrial Training School, Jacksonville, Fla.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The work at Boylan Home for 1909 opened under unfortunate conditions. The buildings had all been pillaged by the robbers during the summer vacation. They had broken open all drawers and boxes, taking away many of our necessities, and what was left was scattered all over the floors and was in a deplorable condition.

It required a good degree of courage on the part of our Superintendent, Mrs. Watters, and her faithful co-workers to undertake the task of getting things in order. With true loyalty and praiseworthy devotion the year's work was sufficiently carried forward to a gratifying and successful finish. Knowing this would not only close the twenty-fourth year of the institution, but would also close the work in our old building and location, gave us mingled feelings of joy and sorrow.

Twenty-four years of pleasant memories and endeared associations woven into the splendid history surrounding the old home, the loved ones so deeply interested in the days and years that are past, filled our hearts with a sense of sadness. The future, bright with possibilities, with its increased facilities, widening opportunities and larger responsibilities, beckons us to nobler service, and we can cheerfully say "Good-bye" to the old quarters.

Early in the year the old property was sold and immediately steps were taken toward the erection of a new building on the lot purchased the year before in the eastern part of the city.

May 7th the ground was broken, with an appropriate service, and the next day five teams were at work excavating. May 26th the corner-stone was laid with propitious surroundings. Our girls from the Home remained over one day to be present at the service.

Rev. Jesse Bowman Young, D. D., prepared quite an elaborate program. Our girls rendered several musical numbers. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Young and Rev. L. H. Bunyan. Revs. Dr. Robinson and Swearengen had part in the service. The dedicatory service of the corner-stone laying was performed by the Bureau Secretary.

The contractors have faithfully endeavored to push the work, but the rains have retarded the workmen, which will make our opening of school later than usual.

The new building, with its ample school rooms and accommodations for about one hundred girls, and with its well located grounds occupying a full square, provides a plant creditable to the Woman's Home Missionary Society and one for which it may well be congratulated. Boylan Home will stand in the forefront of our educational institutions for the colored people of the State.

We must recognize that with our more adequate facilities and larger opportunities will come additional responsibilities. The changing of our plans and not having day pupils will cut off one source of revenue. The furnishing of the new building and the operating expense, in heating, lighting, etc., will be more, hence the necessity of increasing our current and special fund. We have rooms to be furnished and named. We trust to see your name and of other friends of Boylan Home on one of the doors of this splendid building. Our Society wishes "no debts," so please be very generous and prompt, so that if possible we may complete our building without debt. When you visit Boylan I am sure you will be delighted with its appearance and be glad you have a part in it.

The teachers have been faithful and devoted, the school large and loyal, with a graduating class of twelve intelligent promising young women. Commencement week was full of interest.

Emerson Memorial Home and School, Ocala, Fla.

(Scholarship, $50.)

For several years Emerson Home has been very much crowded; having to abandon what was known as the "Sheets Cottage," it left them without sufficient class rooms and they were compelled to use the dining-room for recitations. Having come into possession of the Whetstone bequest we were enabled to make some changes. The kitchen was converted into a class room, and it being directly in the rear of the chapel, folding doors were put in, thus enlarging our facilities for school work. This necessitated building a new kitchen in rear of the dining-room. These improvements add much to the convenience and comfort of the

school. With the bequest and our carefully garnered balance we were enabled to pay all bills for the much needed improvement, costing about $800.

The Home opened under favorable conditions. Miss C. M. Buckbee, Superintendent, entered upon her eighteenth year of service under the Woman's Home Missionary Society. She was very happy to be again at her post of duty, among the people she loved and in whom she was so deeply interested and to whom she had given her life's untiring service. Her strength was not equal to the arduous duties, and in a few months she began to fail and by the middle of January she was compelled to take her bed, and on January 31st she left us to be with her Heavenly Father. So patient and courageous was she that she slipped away from us before we realized her serious illness, going at once from labor to reward, as had been her desire.

Miss Buckbee's strong personality and noble character has been a most potent factor in the uplift of the colored people, and especially of the girls of all that section of the Southland. Richly endowed she dedicated her full powers, courageously and effectively for the right.

Largely attended funeral services were held in the chapel, and we forwarded her "earthly tabernacle" to her old home at East Chatham, N. Y., where it was laid to rest in the family cemetery.

This great sorrow coming upon us so suddenly found us altogether unprepared and almost helpless. "Mother was gone." The girls were excited, nervous, and wanted to go home. The teachers were all new, and as Miss Buckbee had always taken entire charge and control in the management they felt they knew but little about the work, which necessitated the Bureau Secretary taking temporary charge, getting the girls quiet, etc.

The teachers rendered loyal service and very soon we had the school in excellent running order. We were fortunate in having a most worthy, capable woman as matron, Miss Viola R. Fox. After long and earnest persuasion we finally succeeded in getting her to accept the position as Superintendent for the remainder of the year. The closing months demonstrated that a wise selection had been made, as the school prospered under her wise administration. Our graduating class of five cultured, worthy young women will go out to be a blessing. They honored themselves in the Commencement exercises and reflected credit on the institution.

Faith Cottage Settlement Work, Jacksonville, Fla.

The settlement work in West Jacksonville started in 1903 has been a gracious blessing throughout that community, but in the last few years conditions have changed in that neighborhood. Some have moved away, causing quite a reduction in the number of pupils attending our school and for which we seemed responsible, and the location being so inaccessible it was thought best to close the school at least for the present.

Brewster Hospital.

Brewster had another successful year, but for the present is in a rented house and doing well; full report under "Hospitals."

MRS. L. H. BUNYAN, *Bureau Sec'y.*

EAST CENTRAL STATES.

Mather Academy and Browning Home, Camden, S. C., and Allen Home and Asheville Academy, Asheville, N. C., are under the supervision of this Bureau.

While the work in the several Southern Bureaus has so much in common that it is difficult to avoid a repetition of facts and ideas in reporting it, still the fact that nearly five hundred boys and girls have been almost altogether dependent upon the educational and religious work done in the Homes and schools of this Bureau for their preparation for the life that now is and that which is to come ought to create increased interest in the work being done here.

Our work is steadily growing in favor with the surrounding communities, and many more girls and boys would avail themselves of the privileges offered if we could provide enlarged accommodations, more teachers, and a larger amount of Student Aid.

Browning Home and Mather Academy, Camden, S. C.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Both Home and academy were filled to their utmost capacity the last year. Most faithful work was done by our teachers, both white and colored; and the industrial work, especially in the sewing department, was of a remarkably fine character.

For the coming year a superior matron has been secured for the training of the girls in the housework of the Home, and a domestic science teacher has been provided who in regular class work will instruct all the girls of the academy and also have a housekeeper's class for the benefit of the married colored women of the city.

At Browning the religious interests of the pupils are never overlooked. In addition to the regular chapel services and evening devotions, prayer-meetings are conducted by the girls, and the Sabbath school, Epworth League, and missionary meetings well sustained. In addition to these services our teachers enter some time during the year upon a special revival service, to which all other things are made subservient. As soon as genuine religious interest is manifested, they devote themselves to preaching, praying, exhorting, and as a result nearly all the pupils of the academy and Home are brought into a satisfactory religious experience.

At Ephesus and Wesley Plantation Churches and Sabbath schools our teachers come in helpful contact with some two thousand colored people and are giving needed instruction in the practical moralities of a Christian life, as well as inspiring them with larger ideas as to the possibilities for their race in the future.

A new vigor and cheer was brought to our teachers and pupils through the visit last spring of our President, Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, and Mrs. F. A. Aiken, our Recording Secretary. And while these officers received a stronger impression of the value of the work being done, teachers, pupils, and residents came to a larger appreciation of the Society supporting this work.

Much is needed in the way of improvements the coming year. The plantation work necessitates the continual hiring of teams, or the possession of one of our own, and we are now planning the purchase of a horse and carriage and the building of a stable. A cow, chickens, range, boiler, and refrigerator are among the urgent needs.

Allen Home and Asheville Academy, Asheville, N. C.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of this work, there having been a large increase in the number of girls in the Home, and also of pupils in the academy. The new school building is full to overflowing, and new adjustments must be made the coming year to provide for all the lines of work. Successful work has been carried on in all departments, all the teachers working most earnestly and faithfully.

The chapel, which belongs to the Des Moines Conference, will be seated by them, and this improvement will in a measure help to provide the increased seating and desk room needed.

The character of the teaching done here in past years can be judged by the fact that two of our graduates are principals in the colored schools of Asheville, and five others are employed as teachers in these schools.

A good religious interest has been maintained throughout the year, and in the noon and evening hours of Bible study many have accepted the lessons of the Great Teacher and entered upon a new life. In the conduct of the Church known as "Berry Chapel," which was the outgrowth of our work, our teachers and students continue to be most helpful.

More money than has been appropriated or pledged will be needed for securing improvements the coming year. Repairs must be made, a new boiler provided for the laundry, and certain improvements ordered by the city authorities made. We are required to pave the street and sidewalk and provide fire escapes. The fire escape will be provided by a three-story porch with stairways in the rear of the building.

But while the demands are many, remembering all the successes of the past and the many thousands whose lives have been brightened and broadened in the long established work of this Bureau, we thank God and take courage. MRS. E. L. ALBRIGHT, *Secretary.*

WEST CENTRAL STATES.

The Elizabeth Ritter Home and Caroline Frazer Hall, Athens, Tenn.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Reported by MRS. D. L. WILLIAMS.

The Elizabeth Ritter Home at Athens, Tenn., has had the past year its usual number of faithful and excellent pupils.

The facilities furnished by the building of Frazer Hall has greatly added to the comfort and convenience of the Home. We now have a larger chapel and dining-room (which was a necessity) and a well-located and well-furnished sanitary room for sick pupils, which we needed. We have steam heat, which we find to be a great saving in fuel, and electric lights, which are a great relief from anxiety in regard to fire. We have plenty of room for our laundry work, and a room for drying clothes in winter.

The Superintendent, Mrs. Chapman, by her long experience has come to make things run so smoothly that they seem to be going of their own momentum; but, though invisible, there is always "an angel in the wheels."

Good work is being done in "Ritter"—work that is telling on the lives of hundreds of girls. And these girls are praying for the Home and for the women who have made it, and their opportunities in it, possible.

New Jersey Conference Home, Morristown, Tenn.

(Scholarship, $50.)

New Jersey Conference Industrial Home has enjoyed another year of prosperity; not the least of its benefits is the cow (Lily by name), so generously provided for by special gifts at our last annual meeting. This was a good investment financially, for with the ever-increasing cost of provisions, the average table expense was less than the previous year.

One of the pleasant things of the year, the Superintendent reports, was entertaining the guests who favored us with a visit and inspected the Home, which is not only desirable, but profitable to the work and workers. Miss Johnson spent the major part of vacation in the Home, canning fruit, caring for a goodly number of chickens as her recreation, and incidentally having the remainder of the walk and steps laid in cement. which we failed to complete last year because we feared our available funds would not warrant it; also the parlor painted and papered. Many of the girls were self-supporting. Perhaps the best proof of a seed-sowing that is bringing forth an ever-increasing harvest.

Kent Industrial Home, Greensboro, N. C.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The year at Kent Home opened auspiciously with as many girls as could well be accommodated, finances well in hand, and little to cause anxious thought; but the fatal day came December 17th, when fire laid it low, saving in part only the furnishings. For a little time great fear took hold upon us, but we grasped the thought of Ruskin, "God gives us strength enough and sense enough for everything He wants us to do."

At the January meeting the Board of Trustees authorized a building not to exceed $8,000, conditional upon the amount being raised, for there was not a dollar that could be raised save the insurance (less than $2,900). Happy indeed the Bureau Secretary in a crisis like this can turn to her own Conference and gather in from all sources more than $1,500. Equally grateful that she can send an appeal broadcast among women, many of whom she has never met, knowing full well that in the stress of the work they have pledged each for her Conference as she thought to the limit, and the response came back so hearty and general. In April the Board accepted the plan for the new Kent Home now nearly completed, the expense of which is covered by pledges largely met. And what lack I yet? A part of the furnishings, which are sure to come. Words fail me to express my gratitude for the generous support given me, and I shall ever hold the messages pertaining to the work as a precious legacy. Well might Lowell have written of each one who has thus helped me—

"She doeth little kindnesses
Which most leave undone or despise;
For naught which sets one heart at ease,
And giveth happiness or peace,
Is low-esteemed in her eyes."

Mrs. Horace T. Dennis, *Secretary.*

MISSISSIPPI.

Mrs. Henry C. Hedges, former Secretary of the Bureau for Mississippi, begs leave to submit the following report:

At a meeting of the Executive Board at Cincinnati in January, 1910, my resignation as Bureau Secretary was offered and accepted, to take effect at the close of the school year in May. The failing health of several members in my family made this action on my part necessary.

The severing of official ties and loving associations with my sister co-laborers in the Woman's Home Missionary Work for fifteen years was not an easy thing to do, but duty as a wife and daughter to a loved husband father must be my first consideration.

With tnis explanation I make this my final report:

E. L. Rust Home, Holly Springs, Miss.

(Scholarship, $50.)

This Home had a most auspicious year, the enlargement of the building made capable of accommodating forty-seven girls was greatly enjoyed by teachers and pupils, the enrollment for the year fifty-seven, the largest in the history of Rust Home. If it were possible to erect a larger and more commodious building it could be filled and then not all those who apply could be accommodated, and at this time twenty-five are begging to come in, but the Superintendent says: No room! No room!

Miss Becker and her assistant, Miss Barbour, are devoted and self-sacrificing in their interest to those under their care and are anxiously waiting for the necessary money with which to have the house more comfortably heated, and to erect a laundry adequate to the demands.

During the month of March a gracious revival prevailed in Rust University, at which time every girl in the Home not having previously made a profession of religion did so, and the special attention to Christian training given by the teachers is a most beautiful feature of the work in the Home, and will tell for good upon the lives of those girls in helpfulness to others throughout future years. The Superintendent greatly needs *at least thirty-five* scholarships this year.

Bennett Home, Clarkson, Miss.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Owing to *local* opposition and other unavoidable occurrences the work at Clarkson was greatly disturbed during the latter part of the year, and therefore results not so satisfactory as desired, many of the students leaving before the close of school to help in the cotton planting.

The development of the resources of the land belonging to the Society will be of untold value in the near future.

The electric lighting plant and water system installed last year greatly lessens the danger from fire which has always been a menace to the property, while the only source of light for all the buildings was *kerosene lamps.*

The work of the Bureau closed with all bills paid, no debts, and a small balance handed over to the incoming Bureau Secretary, to whom I trust there will be the same courtesy and co-operation extended that has ever been given to me during the years of my official connection with the Executive Board, and I now express my appreciation to all for the sympathy and helpfulness accorded me. It has not always been clear

sailing in the conduct and prosecution of the work, but according to my best judgment I have tried to be faithful to that committed to me and to the interest of the entire work.

WHITE WORK IN MISSISSIPPI AND TENNESSEE.

Having taken up the work at Clarkson as Bureau Secretary, I desire to add to what has been said by Mrs. Hedges—that the work of the year opens most promisingly.

The Rev. George W. Keen, one of the energetic strong young men of the Cincinnati Conference, has been received as President of the Academy, which we believe insures to the institution a large measure of success.

The school has opened with an enrollment of one hundred and thirty-eight students, one hundred and five in the Academic and Intermediate Departments and thirty-three in the Primary Department.

We have a corps of conscientious, earnest teachers who are faithfully working to secure the largest results in uplift of character and ways of living and working to be attained through the education of the boys and girls in this most needy section.

A spirit of harmony and of co-operation with the plans of the school prevails in the community, and all conclusions point to a year of progressive, successful work. MRS. HEBER D. KETCHAM, *Secretary.*

WHITE WORK IN ALABAMA, NORTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

MRS. O. P. MCCARTY, *Secretary.*
MRS. W. F. ROBERTSON, *Associate.*

The motto of this Bureau has always been "Forward," and in spite of unsettled conditions in one Home and a smallpox epidemic in the other, we closed the best year in our history—the best because of numbers and good work accomplished; and so we give thanks to our Heavenly Father, and move on with greater faith and confidence in His love.

Ebenezer Mitchell Home, Meisenheimer, N. C.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Ebenezer Mitchell Home was moved from Laenlittle Cottage in Lenoir into new and commodious quarters in Meisenheimer, N. C., a central location and easily accessible from any part of the State. We took our family of twenty-two along with us, and are greatly indebted to the Southern Railway, which moved all our freight free of charge, also hauled us a carload of coal from Tennessee. Under this Home roof we have two fine schoolrooms which can be thrown together, making a good sized assembly room. We have now forty-five students in the Home, besides a day school of thirty. Three teachers, assisted by some of the older girls, are caring for this work, but we hope to have more help when our debt is paid. The building cost $15,000, and we have paid

$11,000 of that. So we are confidently expecting our friends to help us pay the remaining $4,000, besides giving us a fence this year.

The little village is growing, and undreamed of streets are now surveyed all around our property, where cottages are springing up. The railroad bounds it on the south, and the Home occupies a commanding position upon a knoll about three hundred yards from the track. Its size and general appearance excite favorable comment from all who pass that way, and our Woman's Home Missionary Society is duly honored.

Here I wish to insert some resolutions which should have been presented at our Annual Meeting, but all reports of white work were crowded out for lack of time:

"The people of the Blue Ridge Conference have longed and prayed for a school which could raise the standard of education in this territory. The need has been a crying one. The cry has gone up to heaven. God has heard and answered through His devoted co-workers, the members and leaders of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Statesville District Conference, in whose bounds the school is located, sincerely thank the noble women who have led and taken part in this work; and renew our thanks to Almighty God for the institution which has been located in our midst.

"Furthermore, That we use every means to show our appreciation by helping to fill its halls with the most promising of our youths.

"AUSTIN WILSON,
"J. L. A. BUMGARNER,
"July 26, 1910. *"Committee."*

Rebecca McCleskey Home, Boaz, Alabama.

(Scholarship, $50.)

When I first looked upon this completed building I was appalled at its size. It looked so much larger in brick and stone than on paper, and I wondered if we would ever fill it. That question has been answered, and its walls need to be elastic, as well as our purses, to meet the increasing appeals of those seeking a share in its benefits. One hundred and thirty-five last year, and more this. The epidemic of smallpox—which we were enabled to stamp out so quickly with no deaths—only increased its popularity, and we have had to furnish more rooms, besides having a prospect of some doubling up. The beautiful library—furnished by East Ohio Conference as their silver anniversary gift, in honor of their first President, Mrs. Corey—has proven a panacea for homesick girls, as well as a delight and object lesson to all who enter the Home. From this Home has gone out hundreds of girls into homes of their own and to carry its message of love and helpfulness. As a direct result we have two points of settlement work.

Sayre, Alabama.

This is a mining town where Miss Winifred Jackson, a graduate of Rust Hall, and Miss Carrie Teague, a Boaz girl, are doing a grand work. They report both day and night schools; a boys' club, where short military drill is given each evening, and lessons in sloyd which leads to simple carpentry. They have cooking and sewing classes, besides visiting the sick and sometimes burying the dead. A large Sunday school crowns the week's work. This settlement is supported by the mine owners, but an additional teacher is needed—which our Society is to provide.

Cedartown, Georgia.

At Cedartown, Ga., there is a cotton mill settlement of about five thousand souls, and we have had a settlement work here for some time. Miss Bertha Addington, who was a graduate of Boaz and had a year and a half in Rust Hall, is assisted by Miss Bessie Sias, a graduate of Rust Hall. These two brave girls have had much to contend with because of the great needs and their poor equipment and a joint income of $20 per month. Cotton mill owners have had a hard time for the past two years and many have closed their mills. But these men have operated on short time at a loss to save their people from starvation. So it has been out of their power to do more for this work, highly as they appreciate and commend it. Think of two young women giving themselves, their time and labor, for $20 per month! Where is food and clothing to come from, besides helping their poor neighbors? Northwest Indiana Conference women proved their good angels last year, so the girls put their own need and hardships aside and plead for a building in which to work. The one they are using is an abandoned mill building which is only useful in fair weather; the roof leaks and chimney is unsafe. The Board has granted a conditional appropriation of $3,000 with which to build, but says, "Do not go ahead until you have the money." Won't some good friend come to the rescue? These young women carry on the same work as is done at Sayre, and they need all kinds of tools and materials to work with.

Revivals with good results were held in each of these settlements.

Books, papers, cards, and magazines would brighten many lives; and I wish that some one who reads this might find it in their hearts to make a bright Christmas for these missionaries and their charges, sending to them that message of hope and "good-will" which the angels proclaimed to all the earth nineteen hundred years ago.

Mrs. O. P. McCarty, *Secretary.*

THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.

Our Community Schools are five in number, all located in the interior mountain section of North Carolina. In some places there would be no school whatever; in others, simply two or three months a year, with very inefficient teachers; but by the aid of our Society capable teachers are obtained and the term extended to seven or eight months. The schools are mostly held in the little churches or chapels, beginning in July or August, and continuing until February.

Teresita has a separate school building, erected this year by the people, hoping to induce other families to come into the district for the school privileges, who will also assist in its support. The Church and missionary money are combined to enable them to have a graduate from Athens who will serve the two appointments and teach the school.

At Marion, or rather Stroud Chapel, two miles distant, the attendance last year reached one hundred and twelve, and an assistant was required. A school building is to be put up this year.

At Etowah the church is used for school purposes. The pastor serves six appointments on circuit of thirty-five miles, and teaches the school. They have about sixty students. So urgent is the need at this point that

the preachers of the district have pledged one hundred and fifty dollars each, if necessary, to keep up the school, though they can ill afford to contribute anything from their scanty means.

The school at Vests had no session last year, but will be continued this year with Rev. Parson in charge.

Craggy is also a most needy section, and at this place Miss Emma Fisher, an experienced missionary, will render most efficient service.

This work requires brave, strong teachers to endure the hardships of the mountain life, for they are deprived of every comfort such as are afforded teachers in our industrial Homes.

The people are making extreme sacrifices to overcome the stupendous difficulty of getting the first steps of an education.

What nobler work than to take the very beginning of responsible childhood, to lay the hand of love upon them and gently guide their lives into paths of righteousness and their souls to life eternal?

MRS. W. F. ROBERTSON, *Chairman of Committee.*

WORK FOR AMERICAN HIGHLANDERS.

Six women face to face with the momentous problem of educating and Christianizing a people numbering over three millions! I am sorry to report we have not done it! It is only fair to the Committee to say that it was most unfortunate in its choice of a Chairman. for already pledged as she was to the work of a Conference President, while sympathy and interest were not lacking, time and strength were.

These American Highlanders are a people who need to be carefully studied in order to be helped. It is not an easy task, therefore, to decide either upon the kind of work to undertake nor upon the workers used for its accomplishment. These people possess the sterling patriotic qualities which mold them when educated and Christianized into the modern heroes and heroines of the faith. But they are not easy to reach; it is a work that demands the greatest tact, and not every worker is qualified for this important field.

Realizing the needs of these Highlanders and hearing their pathetic appeals for help, it is with sorrow that we report no specific work done through this Committee. On the other hand, we are glad to report that indirectly something has been done for the benefit of these mountain people and a brighter day seems dawning within the bounds of the Holston Conference.

We desire to express the hope and most earnestly request that the appropriation of $300, which until the past year and a half was paid to this Committee for its work, be continued during the coming year to aid in such work as it deems wise to undertake in behalf of the worthy American Highlanders.

MRS. WM. F. ANDERSON, *Chairman of Committee.*

WEST SOUTHERN STATES.

Peck Home, New Orleans, La.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Every Society comes into existence because of some need, and it was the great need of the colored women and girls in the South that called into life the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Some may feel, after nearly thirty years of work among these girls, that the need would not be so great—true, some conditions have changed, but others have not, and the need for industrial and home training is *just* as great to-day as it ever was, and it is because of this fact that I have pleaded and urged the rebuilding of our Peck Home in New Orleans. I had hoped to tell you to-day that this Home was nearly completed, but my accident of last winter has made it impossible for me to push the work as I wished to. Many have responded to the call for money for building fund. Central New York has especially the rebuilding of the Home on its heart, and has paid in over $1,100 the past year. Two rooms will be named and furnished for Corresponding Secretaries—one in memory of Mrs. Henry F. Spencer, the other in honor of Mrs. G. A. Brownell, who is still an inspiration to the Conference. Other rooms will be named—one for Mrs. J. L. Willard, of Syracuse, who was especially interested in the first Home, and is living in hopes of knowing that the girls of Louisiana who so long have been left without of this fact that I have pleaded and urged the rebuilding of our Peck Home

One hundred and ten girls have had the advantages of our Domestic Science and Art training during the past year. This is a great help, but they still need the influence of a Christian Home and the training in home keeping.

Miss Minta Hungerford has charge of the Domestic Art work and will work hard to build up this important department, as will Miss Castle in the Domestic Science Department.

Italian Work.

One of the great needs in New Orleans is a well-equipped building for work among the over 50,000 Italians, and a Missionary and Kindergarten teacher. Our Board of Home Missions has a splendid pastor—one of "Bishop Burt's boys." Rev. Zito is doing a grand work among his people, but the need of woman's work among them is great. There are hundreds of children who might be reached and saved if we could have the workers and means necessary to carry on our work as it should be done. We have had one worker the past year who has given time and strength trying to reach these who need a helping hand—hundreds of calls have been made, personal talks given, night schools and sewing classes kept open, but what could one woman accomplish in the face of such need and among so great a number of people? I plead with you to help save these people for Christ by giving to this department of our West Southern Bureau.

Miss Page, who has labored so faithfully for many years among the Italians and English, is still doing most excellent service. She said, "Never has the Italian work been so hopeful as it is now, and never has the need for more workers been greater."

That you may help us in this coming year to make this Mission what our Heavenly Father would have it—a life-saving station—is my earnest prayer to-day.

As I was unable to visit our Adeline Smith Home, I will let our Mrs. Nasmyth write the report of this Home.

Adeline Smith Home, Little Rock, Ark.

(Scholarship, $50.)

Another year has passed, and when we take a retrospective view of the work that has been accomplished we feel that our labors have not been in vain, for of all the years of our labors here this has been the most fruitful. The girls have been nicer and more willing to improve their time, both in text-books and in industries of the Home, and better results have been obtained than ever before.

We were visited with a gracious revival which resulted in the conversion of sixty-five young people in the school. Every one of our girls with the exception of one were converted and joined Churches of various denominations. Many of them had beautiful Christian experiences, others were not quite as bright as far as word of testimony was concerned, but who knoweth the heart from whence proceedeth the issues of life?

Our Queen Esther and Home Guards did excellent work, raised $230.50 and helped in other schools. Of course they could give but a little, and yet that little was given with a free heart and in grateful recognition of the many blessings that they had received from our Society. Several young men belong to the Queen Esther and we call them King Esthers. They are as interested as are the young ladies, in fact we have no organization here but such as young men of good character may be admitted to. Thus it gives them training, culture, and refinement that they otherwise would miss, and it gives many of them higher thoughts and upward tendencies that tend to make them better men and more fitted for the responsibilities that will come to them in future life.

We enrolled seventy-nine girls; a larger per cent of them remained with us during the whole session than ever before. Our girls who received help from Student Aid Fund on the whole did commendable work, and we feel what has been done in their behalf has been worthily bestowed. Four girls graduated this year and are out in life doing well. One is a dressmaker and milliner; the other a stenographer and also milliner; the third is a teacher, dressmaker, and milliner, and my heart longs for the day when her people will be willing to let her go as a missionary to Africa. The fourth one is married to one of our best young men in the State, and we feel that in these four girls we are blessed and have able representatives out in the field.

Many improvements were made upon the Home during the year. Of course one can not see all the improvements that have to be made on a large school of this kind at once. We had hoped to do more by the way of improvement, but funds were lacking, for this year has been an extremely hard one from a financial view-point.

Receipts for the year: Salaries, $640; money received from General Fund for incidentals, $400; Student Aid, $1,009; making a total from the National Treasurer of $2,049.

Received for board from students and teachers, $2,319, and money picked up from friends, mite-boxes, concerts and socials, sewing department, diploma fees, fancy work department, and a few lessons given in fancy work by the Superintendent, $341, making a total of self-help, $2,660. Grand total received and expended, $4.709.

I am sure after reading this report you will realize something of the work our Superintendent is doing, and when appeals go out for the Home you will respond gladly because of the great work that is being done—that of training these girls for useful, happy lives.

Mrs. E. L. Knostman, *Secretary.*

TEXAS.

King Home, Marshall, Texas.

(Scholarship, $50.)

There are times when the conflicting emotion of joy and sadness move the heart. This hour is to me such a moment. For fourteen years I have brought to you my annual report of the Bureau for Texas. This will be my last report, as my health demands that I give the work in stronger and more capable hands.

During all these years there has been a healthy and permanent growth in the Bureau. When I took the work in 1896 there was only one school, King Industrial Home. We had twenty-five boarding pupils and one hundred and thirty day scholars. In 1908 we had sixty-seven boarders and over two hundred in the day school, which showed a good advance. A number of improvements were made during these years. A small plot of ground quite necessary to the appearance of our grounds was purchased. The third story of the building was finished and furnished, giving room for twenty-five more girls. The sewing annex was built and outbuildings erected. Bath-rooms and electric lights were put in, and the premises kept in good condition by minor improvements. Millinery and Domestic Science were added to the course. More than four hundred girls have completed their courses. Misses Elliott and Robinson gave most efficient service, thirteen years of this time as Superintendents. The past year has been our most trying one. In October smallpox broke out in Wiley University; and a little later one case in the "Home;" we still had one case as late as in February. This unsettled condition prevented many from entering the school; and we only enrolled fifty-six boarding pupils during the year; but there were nearly two hundred in the day classes. We close this year with a small debt for the first time. It is a grief to me that this is the situation when I lay down the work. The price of living having advanced so much and the added expense of the quarantine would have taken an expert in finance to have made ends meet. The Superintendent wrote me that every dollar of board and tuition had been paid, which shows a high standard of ethics and morals. Thirty-seven were graduated from the several departments. One student who has been a beneficiary for nine years completed all the industrial courses and graduated in the regular classical course in the University.

This young woman has a beautiful Christian character, and will be a great influence among her people if she lives, for she has the missionary spirit. She greatly desires to take the Deaconess Course and to enter that work.

There will be a new Superintendent and some new teachers to be appointed for 1910-11.

The property has increased more than one-third in value in the fourteen years. and more than $3,500 have been expended in improvements. There is great need for Domestic Science rooms, which I hope will be built soon. I have sent the General Corresponding Secretary $327.42 for this purpose. I think the addition could be made for from $1,000 to $1,500.

The Eliza Dee Industrial Home, Austin, Texas.

(Scholarship, $50.)

In 1904 I went to Texas and purchased the property known as the "Eliza Dee Industrial Home" for the sum of $4,500.

At that time I had the place repaired and furnished, and some additions made, at a cost of about $1,100.

The school was opened the first Monday in October, 1904, with Miss C. I. King as Superintendent, who had several years experience in King Home. She has rendered the best service during these years. From the very beginning of the school we have been overcrowded and we have reached our limit of usefulness unless we build. There is no more imperative need in the Society than a new building here—not in the near future—but *now*. The matter ought to command your earnest and prayerful attention. We have absolutely no place for our industrial classes, except by the courtesy of Samuel Huston College, which greatly needs the room it gives us. I paid Mrs. D. L. Williams $2.500 towards this building when I rendered to her my accounts. There ought to be a $20,000 building at least erected there. There are more than 300,000 colored people within a radius of one hundred miles, and over 15,000 of these are members of our Church. Sisters, we are laying the foundation of a mighty moral and spiritual empire among these people. When you remember that one in nine of our population is a colored person, and that about one-ninth of the whole mass resides in the State of Texas, and that this great State, the largest in the Union, which is just emerging from her nascent period, and is now not only coming into the gaze of the States, but of the nations also—and that it is an empire of antitheses, diversities, and distances—that it is a State of treeless plains, and yet abounds in dense forests and rich in its fauna and flora—that it is the largest cotton port in the world, and that its granaries date back to 1623—and that you can have your Christmas dinner of beef and turkey and plum pudding with strawberries garnished with holly, and twenty varieties of fresh vegetables, you can see how wonderful is its climate. Then with its largest school fund in the States and its progressive people there is scarcely a limit to its commercial and educational possibilities.

We have entered this vast field. Shall we not have a share in its conquest?

The solution of the Negro problem becomes more and more strained in both sections of the country.

Mr. Edgar Gardner Murphy, a Southerner, says, "It can not be denied that the Negro has not been adequately accorded the economic support of the profounder social forces of security, opportunity, and hope, and that the State may largely alter this condition if it will." And he pertinently asks, "Shall ours be a policy of negation or development?" God grant that it may be the latter.

I believe in a cosmopolitan, catholic Christianity, where Caucasian, Chinese, Hindu, Semitic, and Hamitic leaders and seers shall have free scope for development and exercise of all their latent powers.

We as a Society have espoused the cause of the Negro, and I trust nothing will dismay or stop us in our endeavors for their uplift, but that we will go on with our task, patiently waiting God's own good time when liberty, justice, and fraternity will not be ideal conceptions, but absolute realizations.

To say I regret to lay down this work which is so upon my heart does not express the anguish of mind and spirit when the thought first came that I must lay it down. But the work must not suffer though the workman falls. I bespeak the same generous, considerate, and loving cooperation which you have given me for my successor, and trust that the work will be more successful than in my hands. I want to thank all the Conference Secretaries for their sympathy and help. I can never forget the delightful association with you all; and these memories will be among my richest treasures while life shall last.

I want, too, to publicly express my gratitude to Mrs. Delia L. Williams, our beloved Corresponding Secretary, who has so kindly aided

me in closing up the year, going over the bills and paying most of them, though her own duties have been very arduous. Doubtless she will hear the Master's "Inasmuch."

"In pastures green? Not always; Sometimes He
Who knoweth best in kindness leadeth me
In weary ways, where heavy shadows be.

"So whether on the hilltops high and fair
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys, where
The shadows lie, what matter? He is there."

Mrs. Lavanda Gassner Murphy, *Secretary.*

UTAH.

Another year through the good providence of God has passed in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Utah Bureau, and with its record has joined the twenty-nine years of endeavor which have preceded. From all the seed-sowing of these years who can tell what the harvest is or shall be? I am glad that we are not commanded to make this estimate. Not to the successful servant, but to the faithful one, is the promise given. Neither should we assume to make it lest we become too discouraged or inflated.

We have maintained work during the year in nine stations: *Deaconesses*—Salt Lake City, Provo, and Ogden. *Missionaries*—Logan, Mt. Pleasant, and Ephraim. *Schools*—Moroni, Spring City, and Elsinore.

Deaconesses.

Salt Lake City.

We had hopes at the opening of the year that our quota of five deaconesses for Salt Lake City would be full; but early in the year one, Miss DeWitt, a consecrated young woman of large promise, soon after reaching the field was compelled to give up all work. So we have lacked one in our force for Salt Lake City. This list does not include our much beloved Miss Robinson, who could with propriety be classed among the unlicensed deaconesses. She has served us as Superintendent of the Home for nine years.

Miss Ada L. Applegate has kept her assignment to Heath Church. Her work has been signally honored of God. During her five years of service for this Church she has had the joy of seeing an increase of thirty in the membership of the Church, and the Sabbath school and all departments and interests of the Church advance in similar ratio. Her Home Study Class numbers forty. We would not claim that under the divine leading Miss Applegate was the sole good spirit in this great work, for the faithful pastor, who has been able to give only one-third of his time and thought to this Church, has been instant in season and out of season to advance its interests.

Miss Applegate has been transferred to Mt. Pleasant only because she needed a change. There she will find ample use for her consecrated ability along the various lines she has wrought in the years of her service for Him whom she delights to serve. We believe the work of her hands

and heart will be honored of Him. Miss Applegate will be succeeded in our deaconess family by Miss Lane, from San Francisco Training School.

Miss Elizabeth Bellis has served Waterloo Church, and in all its activities has lent her influence and given her strength. Forty-four are enrolled in her Home Study Class. A Mothers' Jewels Band of forty-three signifies much to the Church of the future.

In each of the Churches above mentioned a Woman's Home Missionary Society Auxiliary has been maintained. In the latter Church uninterruptedly for several years.

Miss Laura Balmer came to us from our San Francisco Training School at the opening of the year. Her assignment to Iliff Church was no mistake, either for the Church or the deaconess. The pastor has proven a kindly and wise guide to the young and comparatively inexperienced one who would do the will and the work of the Master as one who needeth not to be ashamed. Miss Balmer's aptitude to lead the children and young people in League and Sunday school is considered exceptional.

Miss Ida R. Watson has been supported by the First Church and has served under its auspices. She has been faithful and efficient, always doing what her hands found to do and what her heart prompted with a directness that brought all things to pass. First Church has an active Woman's Home Missionary Society Auxiliary.

These four deaconesses have aggregated 3,003 calls.

Provo.

Mrs. Grace G. Mettler has served Provo since November, relinquishing her determination to retire from work for a season upon earnest solicitation. She assumed the duties of this station as far as she was able. The Sabbath school and work among the children in various lines have been her especial care. Her Home Study Class has numbered thirty-four. With renewed vigor and faith Mrs. Mettler remains in this station another year.

Ogden.

Mrs. Widaman came to Ogden in November from years of residence in California. The altitude affected her adversely and she felt with regret that her labors were not as effectual as they might otherwise have been. She had large opportunities and influence with young people of unsettled religious opinions. Those unhappy in the dominant faith found in her a friend to wisely direct into the better way. Mrs. Widaman returns to California.

Missionaries.

Logan.

Miss Bessie Carlyon closed her second year of service at Logan. Her reports show gratifying attendance upon her industrial classes, of which she has conducted a greater variety in work than has been carried on at any other station. She has stood by in the change of pastors during the year and bravely met discouragements in her work.

Miss Carlyon discontinued her service for us to engage in other pursuits, and was succeeded, the 1st of September, by Miss Bessie Keller, a graduate of Folts Institute. Miss Keller has entered upon her work with true missionary spirit. Already we have reason to believe that she will be so led that the greatest good will result.

Mt. Pleasant and Ephraim.

Miss Harriet E. Lancy has not seen the peculiarities and embarrassments of this station vanish during the years of her service at Mt. Pleasant. Her house to house visiting, her Sabbath school work, and her classes along industrial lines were all well received, and we are sure will in the Master's own good time bear fruit that He can honor. Most of the year Miss Lancy has spent two days of each week at Ephraim—a place than which none is more needy of steady, persistent, and consecrated Christian effort. A small sewing class was secured, and friendly visiting was carefully pursued, with results which no one who has ever seen the unexpressed heart-hunger of these people dare estimate.

Miss Lancy discontinues work under our auspices and is succeeded by Miss Ada L. Applegate, as mentioned earlier in this report. The visits to Ephraim will be continued.

Schools.

Moroni.

Miss Jennie C. Nickelson and Miss Jeannette Baker have had charge of our school in Moroni. During the year thirty pupils have been enrolled. A majority in the upper grades were boys. The teachers say this number is exclusive of many others whose own inclinations would have led them to attend.

The school is the open sesame to many homes and brings larger and speedier influence in the community than could be secured in any other way. Miss Baker has kept a primary class through the summer.

Each Sabbath evening the teachers have conducted a gospel service. These meetings have been cared for entirely by our young women. Only eight Sunday nights during the year has the church been closed.

It is very gratifying for me to speak of the faithful coming of the pastor to this station each Wednesday night through trying conditions of weather and often poor response to the ringing of the bell. Yet I am sure he will say that the hearing is encouraging compared with that in the no distant past.

At Easter time four nights of special services were held with an average attendance of thirty. New families are owning allegiance to our work. The teachers say if they can be won to heart allegiance with God and the Church, they shall rejoice. Truly benevolent work has been done that will bless the lives of the beneficiaries. Three hundred and thirty social and religious calls have been made, and the industrial work has not been neglected.

Spring City.

Miss Jennie Fitzgerald sounds a note of triumph and thanksgiving in her department of the higher grades of school in Spring City, as well she may, for no teacher ever labored more unselfishly or unremittingly for her eighth grade graduating class than did she. Two pupils—all that were presented—passed the Utah uniform examination and will enter upon the regular high school course next month under the charge of Miss Fitzgerald. There are hopes and strong indications that others will join the class. Thirty-six have been enrolled in the school. Next year we shall have a larger number of eighth grade graduates.

Miss Mabel Dudleston has had charge of the kindergarten and primary work for three years, and nobly has the department advanced.

An unusual addition to our industrial work has been a manual training class of nineteen, taught by Miss Dudleston. She resigned to become the presiding genius of a parsonage. It is to be hoped that she will find the one pupil as tractable as the many she has left.

Miss Lena Henschen is the worthy successor of Miss Dudleston. A graduate kindergartner and a primary teacher of experience gives us the assurance that the good work of her predecessor will abide.

The Sunday school in Spring City has held its session every Sunday during the Conference year, with the exception of two—when the town was quarantined on account of scarlet fever—and one of these Sabbaths the teachers and two of the older pupils went to the house of a friend and had the lesson.

This station has been faithfully visited by the pastor. While all discouragements have not passed out of sight or out of mind, we believe we should take courage.

Elsinore.

Miss Grace Sloan and Miss Lilian Henschen are our efficient teachers in Elsinore. Each department of our school has been well cared for. While our high school continues small, we have not lost hope regarding it.

Miss Henschen is exceptionally fine in kindergarten and primary work, and her efforts have been appreciated by the people, while she has been able to serve with song popular gatherings of this community, ninety-eight per cent of the dominant faith.

The most encouraging part of our work here is the Church work. For this we give devout thanks to our acknowledged Leader and Guide in all our endeavor.

Miss Sloan has compassed what we have long desired throughout the field—the development of leaders—teachers in the Sunday school and helpers along other lines. Miss Sloan has a class of young people whom she meets regularly, teaching them the doctrines of our own Church, with prayer and testimony added. The Sunday school, with an average attendance of three teachers and twenty pupils, has been held each Sunday during the year at twelve o'clock. A gospel song service and Bible lesson has been held Sunday evenings with an average attendance of fifteen. For two weeks preceding Easter evangelistic services were held by the pastor every evening, and as a result of these meetings seven persons have united with the Church. As we have no Church organization in Elsinore, these friends united with our Church at Richfield, six miles distant. The pastor and his wife have been a wonderful inspiration and help to these young women.

For three months during the winter Miss Sloan cared for the Sabbath school at Marysvale, twenty-one miles distant—the Superintendent of Utah Mission bearing the expense of transportation, and the good people cheerfully furnishing entertainment. The results of these visits were all that could be expected. The Sabbath school reached fifty-two in numbers.

The doors are not only open in Utah, but the walls are fast coming down and this great State will be as open to evangelism as any territory in the great Rocky Mountain region. While this promised disintegration is perhaps somewhat through the immediate influence of a locally political party which is "anti-polygamy, anti-Church and State, anti-Church commercialism, and anti-Church control of schools"—influences which by their political and financial strength have bolstered up the people with false ideas of the power of their organization—the foot-

steps of the Master are seen all along the way, so that now as never before is our opportunity to so wisely, actively, and persistently present the gospel to these people that they may be won from infidelity and unrest to peace in God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We should establish work in other stations and introduce well equipped domestic science instruction and special work for boys in our schools.

Our representatives are exceptionally faithful and competent. We trust that all of whatever class who come to this field under the auspices of our Society may know the potency of the "Come unto Me" of the Scripture and have learned to effectively voice this appeal of the Christ.

Mrs. Bradford S. Potter, *Secretary.*

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA (SPANISH AND ENGLISH).

Harwood Industrial School, Albuquerque, N. M.

(Scholarship, $70.)

The report for another year is to be made. In many respects each year has similar experiences and results. Girls come to the school for the first time. They make marked improvement in every line of work and study. It is a joy to see their increasing intelligence and awakened powers, and know life has new possibilities for them. There are others who have been there for several years and are nearing graduation. Last year there were several who went away and are taking up life's duties among old friends. We are glad to hear of their activities in Sunday school and Epworth League, and know they are taking creditable parts in Church work. Our teachers are gratified in the progress and development of all.

Felicita was not what her name would indicate when she came to Harwood School in September, 1909. After one year's study of English she writes a very creditable letter. She has improved in appearance and suits her name, and for a girl of eleven years does most excellent work.

Josefita, who is now eighteen years old, writes that during the summer she applied at the Teachers' Institute for a third-grade certificate and succeeded in getting an appointment to a position at forty dollars a month. She is sorry to leave our school, but glad to help her mother. She is a fine girl with a promising future. The Superintendent writes, October 1st: "On account of increase in living expenses we must take fewer girls, unless we can depend on a larger amount of scholarship money each month." There is an increase in the applications for admission. The year opens auspiciously for Harwood Industrial School.

Tucson Mission Industrial School, Tucson, Ariz.

(Scholarship, $70.)

Arizona Methodism has come to the front in helping to build and furnish our girls' Industrial School in Tucson. With such courageous women as we found at Williams, Arizona, we could not hesitate in pushing the project. The Churches of Phoenix and surrounding towns made a grand rally and welcomed the Secretary as she journeyed East in April. They have joined hands in doing beautiful service for the cause. Rooms

named and furnished show the spirit of approval in the Arizona women for their girls' school. They are not failing on the Scholarship Fund. Now, sweetest of all, they send a product of the desert to Buffalo. Cactus candy will be a new confection to most of us. It will enhance the value of the desert as we turn it into money for the benefit of our work in Tucson.

Our pupils come from Southern Arizona, New Mexico, and Old Mexico. The Spanish Mission preachers see the opportunity and are anxious for all the girls to enjoy its privileges. Already a list of waiting applicants are appealing for their chance. More than we have beds for have been accepted. Cases are urgent; young women who may soon fill places as leaders in the Churches need to enter and find the careful and beautiful Christ spirit that our school and home-life provides. Who will write and get facts most interesting and appealing, that they may help to secure scholarships? A large United States flag is needed at Tucson. Who will make this for patriotism and Home Missions? Five dollars will place a tree in our grounds and help to create an Eden in the desert.

El Paso, Texas.

The need for our building at El Paso increases every year. The responsibility for its delay lies heavy—but where? upon whom? There are those whose line of vision does not reach this need, and others are willing to stay the wheels of progress in this direction. It must not wait longer without injustice to the cause. Many are lost who might be saved and become helpers in saving others. Money that will never go into other lines of work waits for this mission building to begin. Our promise for the work and its need must be kept while it is day, for the night cometh.

We are mourning the loss of our friend, Mrs. A. M. Whitson, of Los Angeles, Cal. As Associate Secretary she was interested in all the work. She had been most helpful in planning for the school in Tucson, Arizona. She suffered much pain, but was released on September 7, 1910. The workmen fall, but the Lord's work goes on.

(Mrs.) Anna Kent, *Secretary.*

INDIAN AND MEXICAN WORK.

The Navajo Mission, Farmington, N. M.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The past year has been one of improvement and development along all lines. Many new friends have been gained for the Mission—friends who have given substantial aid.

Several acres of land have been placed under cultivation, and fruit trees, shade trees, vines, and berries have been set out, another horse and cow purchased, and many improvements made during the year, and the year closed with all bills paid.

The work opened in September, with Charles G. Lindemann and his wife as Superintendents, and Bessie Franc Brown as teacher. Alice Springstead assisted a part of the year as an assistant in teaching and with the household duties.

In January, Roye Palmer, a Navajo boy who had lived in the Home

until he was eighteen, returned and acted as interpreter and assisted with the farm work. Mrs. Clara E. Jones entered about the same time as matron.

Frank Tice, from Polo, Ill., joined the workers in March and worked faithfully at improvements which will assure less drudgery and more efficient housework. He and the Superintendent excavated the cellar for the new building and laid the foundation. This addition is going up and will be inclosed by the first of November. A few of the rooms have been taken and will be finished as fast as the money comes in. Some new furnishings have been sent, and more will follow.

The interior of the buildings has been brightened by freshly-painted woodwork. redecorated walls, and with rugs and curtains assumes a more homelike appearance. A telephone was put in during the year by an Iowa society, thus bringing the Home into communication with the town.

A bakery, furnished with a baker's oven, has been added during the year. As we are directed by the Government to use single beds for the children, seventeen single iron beds have been sent, and as soon as friends will pay for more, others will be purchased.

Thirty new dining-room chairs for the children's dining-room, twelve kindergarten chairs, a large steel range with a double oven for the kitchen, new dishes for the children (sent by a Denver society), dishes for the workers, sent by the Indiana Conference, who also expect to finish and name the workers' dining-room.

There were twenty-six children in the Home during the entire year. One child was sick and had to be removed, but another came to take his place.

The children have shown marked advancement in school. Our aim is to teach them the things that will be useful to them in after-life. They are quick to respond to the influence of conscientious Christian education. Their collection of memorized songs embraces about forty numbers, of which twenty-eight are religious or "Jesus songs." as the children call them. Their songs have become a matter of appreciation and comment in the community, and during the year the children sang at Union revival meetings in Farmington and at the Memorial Day exercises there. Visitors in the schoolroom have said many kind and sincere words about the children's ability, their understanding of subjects, their perfect order, and their superiority over other children of some other Indian tribes.

When our completed new building becomes a reality we hope for better accommodations for our school. At present it is crowded to the limit.

Among the helps for the school for the coming year a lot of new text-books, two charts and a manikin, and many articles have been provided for use, furnished by the Des Moines Conference.

The larger children are doing fourth-grade work, and others are not far behind. Great improvement can be noticed in the use of the English language.

A handbook of the Navajo language has been gotten out, and the workers will endeavor to master the language and thus be more able to reach the older Navajoes.

Miss Brown has charge of the weekly "social hour" for the larger boys. A society was organized, called the Red Feather Club. It meets on Thursday evening for a good time, sometimes stories, sometimes games, or industrial work of different kinds, and always a time for fun; and has proved a decided benefit to the boys. At their request a Club Bible Class was organized.

The year has not been without its hardships. There was much severe sickness during the winter. both in school and in the camps, and many calls for aid were answered.

Through the remembrance of many kind friends the Christmas boxes and barrels gave the children a happy Christmas. Some of the Christmas joy found its way to the hogans of our Navajo friends.

Services are held each Sunday afternoon in the schoolroom, attended by several Navajoes. Little Chief, a very influential man among the Navajoes, was converted during the year and was baptized by Dr. Cartwright during the summer. Little Chief is using his influence to win others for the Master, and we are hoping that this is the beginning of a great spiritual awakening among the people in this part of the reservation.

For two years we have been without an interpreter, but we feel now that we must have him return to us; the time is ripe for an ingathering, and we must have one who is competent to explain clearly the truths. And Frank Damon, who has been at the Mission for several years, has returned.

We are grateful to all who have helped during the year to carry on this work, and if the same friends will continue their support for the coming year, and others will join, we will be enabled to succeed in winning others for Christ. Surely God is in this work, and has been from the beginning. (Miss) Katherine H. Bassett, *Secretary.*

PACIFIC COAST INDIAN WORK.

Nooksack Indian Mission, Everson, Wash.

The new Stickney Day School Building and Home for Missionaries was completed about September 1st and are a credit to the Society and to the efficiency of our splendid and capable superintendent, Miss Rouls. The buildings are so well planned and arranged that much more effective work can be done for both the children and their parents than under the old regime. The children enjoy living in their own home and attending the day school, and the Christian parents have learned to appreciate leaving them in the Home. About twenty-five children living near the settlement are in the school this year.

Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Puget Sound Conference, will have charge of the work on the farm and all the Church services, while his wife will serve as field matron. There has been so much sickness in the homes already this fall that these two workers have been kept very busy. Much good is being accomplished by this important line of work, as it links the *home* to the school, Sunday school, and Church.

Through the Mothers' Meetings many useful lessons in the care and training of the children are taught. By means of the athletic field and social meetings we are winning the young people to the Church and Sunday school.

The Sunday school the past year has been self-supporting. At Christmas time we had our first Christmas tree, with appropriate exercises furnished by the children. The parents prepared the tree and furnished many presents.

We feel that much has been accomplished the past year by putting greater responsibility upon the Indians themselves, thus leading them to greater independence and teaching them lessons of self-reliance.

We ask your sympathy and prayers for the work for the coming year.

Yuma Indian Mission, Yuma, Ariz.

We are glad to report through our missionary, Rev. J. A. Crouch, great progress in our work at Yuma. The congregations have doubled during the year, and the Sunday school has an attendance of one hundred. In April the parents demanded that their children attending the Government school be allowed to go to the Methodist Church. That means that we now have seventy per cent of the Government school children in our Sunday school. We also have the right to go to the Government school and teach these children anything we wish. This is the first time that we have ever had the opportunity of teaching them at all; heretofore they have been entirely under the control of the Catholic Church and were made to attend that Church regardless of the wishes of their parents. It took our missionary six months to get the parents to understand that they could assert their rights and choose the Church they wished their children to attend. At a meeting of the Indians in the spring, when one of the Government inspectors was present, the subchief said: "Twenty-five years ago the Catholic Church came on this reservation. They have not given our people any food or clothing or medicine. Five years ago the Methodist Church came; when our people are cold they give them warm clothing, when they are hungry they give them food, and when they are sick and suffering they give them medicine and care. We want the Methodist." Not long since our missionary asked an old chief if he wanted to talk to his people. He came to the pulpit and said he was glad to see so many Indians in the Church; he wanted them to come every Sunday, and even if the old Indians could not understand the story of Christ very well, he wanted the children and grandchildren to know more of Him than they did.

There is never a day that the sewing machines are not in use by the Indian women. Our medical work has succeeded beyond our expectations.

Rev. J. A. Crouch says he has answered 1,800 requests for medicine, made 200 medical and pastoral calls, baptized three children, and given out 800 garments to the poor and needy. There has been much real destitution among these Indians the past year, for the land has not yet been allotted by the Government and there has been no water for irrigation—consequently no crops. We are hoping the land question will be settled at the coming session of Congress, so that in the spring they can plant their crops and be able to help themselves. This winter we will need plenty of warm clothing sent them.

Blind Joe, our interpreter, is invaluable to us. Pray that he may be converted, for that will mean his bringing the whole tribe to Christ.

Greenville Indian Mission, Greenville, Cal.

The work at the beginning of the year was rather difficult for our missionary, Rev. W. A. Armstrong, going into a new field and among a different class of people than he had ever worked with before; but by kindly visits and helpful ministries during sickness and need, he soon won their confidence and friendship. By the sudden death early in the year of the field matron's husband, and then her removal from the mission, we lost two of our most valuable workers in the Church, leaving us only one Christian teacher in the Government school to aid our missionary in the Sunday school. The new Government Superintendent is

very friendly to our work; he insists on legal marriage, and has given our missionary entire charge of the Sunday school for the coming year, with permission to use our own Church publications. Mr. Armstrong writes: "Tuberculosis is making vast inroads in this tribe; very few live to be over twenty years old, and there are probably now less than one hundred families in the valleys, and they are so widely scattered that one can drive a whole day and not make more than three calls. . . . One great evil is the fact that these Indian women have so long been the prey of unprincipled white men. A woman came to us for protection lately who had lived nine years with such a man and borne him three children; then he became tired of her and drove her away. We found housework for her to do, so she could support her children. Little Edith, a motherless six-year-old, has been an inmate of our Home all summer; she came to us with loathesome sores and having chills every other day. She left us strong and well." Thus we see our missionary and his wife are ministering to both body and soul of these needy people. Faithful and conscientious work has been done by them. Several barrels of clothing have been distributed. All the families in the three valleys called upon; one new Sunday school organized in Genesee Valley; eight funerals held, and one wedding.

A great deal of good, warm, *large* clothing is needed. It should be directed to Rev. W. A. Armstrong, Greenville, Cal., via Keddie, Cal., prepaid.

MRS. J. A. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*

POTTAWATOMIE AND PONCA INDIAN MISSIONS.

The Pottawatomies, Mayetta, Kan.

MRS. CARRIE E. COPE, *Chairman of Committee.*

As we enter upon our work for the winter we look back over the years of our history as a Mission and remember with gratitude God's gracious dealing. The work has grown from year to year, the needed workers have been found at the right time, the expenses have been provided for, mistakes have been overruled, wounds have been healed, wisdom has been given from above, and we can joyfully testify that every need has been supplied, fulfilling to us His promise, "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Rev. L. C. Thomas, a full-blood Chippewa Indian evangelist from Northern Wisconsin and a very polished gentleman, highly educated, came to us for a two weeks' service last winter. Although the weather was disagreeable, the Indians came for many miles to hear one preach in their own tongue, for he preached in both Indian (Ojibway) and English; at the close of the service fifty-nine Indians professed faith in Jesus Christ. Our Sabbath school grows in attendance, and the workers encouraged by the deepening interest in the study of God's Word.

Thirty-eight children are enrolled in the day school. Mrs. Alice E. Naylor is their much loved teacher. Great interest is already manifest in the Christmas festivities, and we trust our friends will help us to make these children happy.

During the vacation months Mr. and Mrs. Naylor made hundreds of calls, caring for the sick, assisting in burial services, holding special day services at the Mission. All over this reservation of eleven miles square

you will find hundreds of Pottawatomies—strong men, tender women, and dear little children—sitting in darkness until we shall bring the light to them. Without doubt, their only hope is through the people of God.

Bro. Adell, from Mayetta, comes often and gives a sermon that is refreshing for our overworked missionaries as well as to the Indians. Will you stand with us, friends, in prayer and faith and self-sacrifice, that the present work may be sustained?

The Poncas.

Rev. A. J. Simms, missionary, writes:

"I returned from Conference October 24th and find things much as I left them. The following Sunday we had a good congregation in the morning, also a well-filled chapel in the evening, made up of the boys and girls, the white employees, teachers, etc., and some of the Indian young men who ride in, and others living in the surrounding country who work on the ranches.

"The old Poncas are not a church-attending people; they have their Mescal dances and seances while under the influence of the Mescal bean, and a large proportion of them obtain whisky from the bootleggers.

"I have paid especial attention to the young, the boys and girls of the school, and the young people generally, and consider from experience that they are the hope of the tribe; very many of these have obtained a good ground work of Christian education that must tell in the future.

"Last April God gave us a very gracious revival; about thirty in all were brought to Christ, and almost all of those who united with us in Church fellowship have remained faithful.

"Shortly after Kenneth Kimbel, a young Ponca, died. We visited him the Sunday evening before his death; he had been one of our members for many years. He died well, trusting in a merciful Savior. His death-bed scene was a rude one. He lay on a pallet on the ground, his tepee raised on the sides so the South wind could blow through; he was past taking nourishment. Four of us held a little prayer-meeting. He was so pleased, but he could say little, for consumption had done its work. He said he was going to die, that his sins were forgiven, he was trusting in the Son of God; we promised to meet him in heaven. Next day we buried him on the prairie, beside his relations, with the appropriate services of our Church ritual.

"His younger brother, McKay Kimbel, a full-blood, said to me the other day that he loved the Methodist Church—it was his brother's Church. He is one of our regular attendants.

"In October, John De Lodge, a Ponca, an old Indian, told me his grandchild was dead—a very young baby; he wanted me to come and have funeral services at his house. Mrs. Simms and I went that afternoon. They had gone to Ponca City and purchased a neat little white coffin; appropriate services were held, and Mrs. Simms sang two hymns; we finished the services at the little grave, one hundred yards from the house.

"We have had a strenuous time in Oklahoma for some months. The whiskyites and bootleggers, backed by the liquor interests of other States, arrayed against the Church and good citizenship and the Anti-Saloon League; we tried to do our best in our little corner, holding anti-saloon meetings, preaching prohibition, and doing what we could; when election day came our forces were prepared. I worked at the polls nearly all day; when night came and all the votes were in in our precinct, the liquor men had eleven votes and the law and order people seventy-nine for

prohibition. This is an example of the influence for good of a little frontier and Indian Church supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Indians generally voted for prohibition. One young Ponca, 'Running After Arrow' by name, came in to vote; he was quite under the influence of whisky, but he voted with us for prohibition. I know this to be true. We thank God for His mercy in giving us a decided victory over this source of almost all evil.

"Just now the principal of the Ponca school has kindly informed me that the evening sessions of the school have been resumed. He has given me the same evening (Tuesday) that I have had for years. I use this for instruction in the Bible and the Catechism. The boys and girls love Bible stories; I try to make them interesting, and they are all anxious to attend."

ALASKA.

Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska, Alaska.

(Scholarship, $60.)

Some time after the great meeting in Los Angeles, a letter came to me from Mrs. Young, telling me in a roundabout way that I could scarcely comprehend that she had been elected Assistant Secretary for the Alaska Bureau, and addressed me as Secretary of the Alaska Bureau. It was some time before the realization came to me what it all meant. A wakeful night followed the reception of this letter, and as no official notice came for many days, I felt greatly relieved and thought some mistake had been made, when lo! the feared letter came. I asked our Heavenly Father to help decide and guide me in this decision, and in the new problems that have come to the work this year I have asked Him to be my Helper.

Our Home has had six little ones gathered to the home above this year; one girl married, and one of our boys taken from the public school and put on a whaler, and three girls removed for other causes—Austenia, our sweet singer, and the two little sisters, Kathryn and Polly. Polly was our little Japanese wonder, who could take your measure and trim her sails in a manner that would excite your admiration; and two of our little boys, one who was very much afflicted when he entered the Home. All these children died with tuberculosis.

Alaska is a very trying field for our workers. Miss Barnett, our matron for so many years, came out this summer for rest and medical attention. She has given faithful service, and many of the children and natives learned to love and appreciate her devotion to them and our work. She has brought them a clear knowledge of better living.

Our Superintendent, Dr. Spence, and his good wife wished to come out this fall, writing me his mother was ill and needed him during her last days. It was no small matter to pick up a man on such short notice for this work, for it takes, as Dr. Spence has said, "grit, grace, and gumption" to do this work on the firing line in Alaska. Do you realize the requirements for a Superintendent of Jesse Lee Home? I will give briefly a few of them:

He must be a preacher, teacher, Sunday school Superintendent; a fisherman with a knowledge of boats, traps, and seines, salting, drying,

and smoking the fish; be a carpenter, a blacksmith, build fences, paint houses; be a pump man, physician and surgeon, village counselor, a farmer, know something of law, an accountant and business manager; visit boats in the harbor; plan work; be storekeeper, and also many things too numerous to mention. He must have a wife that is sweet and agreeable, who must visit in the village, look after sick babies, make blouses for twenty boys, darn stockings, drill children for special occasions such as Easter and holidays.

There has been sent to the Home this year free of freight charges on the Government boats nearly six tons of freight. Mrs. Young sent in one hundred rods of woven wire fencing, a croquet set, and tennis balls and racquets. She sold baskets for these things. I have sent in two thousand feet of splendid flooring, bought at a very reasonable rate; the funds for this given by the Epworth League and ladies of Seattle. Two hundred dollars has been donated for a team by the good women of Detroit Conference, but as this would only be about half the amount needed, the team was not sent; but this year we hope to be worthy. A blacksmith outfit was sent; a much needed turning lathe, box of heavy hardware, a large vise, and iron for working; sack of charcoal, a lot of seeds, floor paint, and sixteen fine chickens; nine cases of heavy overshoes and rubbers, donated by a shoe firm in Oregon.

We do need another helper this year, as our new Superintendent's wife will not be a salaried worker, and it will be necessary to send in another helper. We need a floor covering for our girls' living room. This is also the sewing room, and on Monday all the clothes are dried in this room, making the floor very damp; and in this damp, cold country it takes many hours to dry, causing much labor and use of fuel that might otherwise be saved if this floor had a covering of heavy inlaid linoleum or cork flooring, such as used in department stores.

Dr. Spence and his wife have been indefatigable workers, and the new flooring has been laid and painted, and many improvements about the Home speak of their thrift and energy. There must be some means to train our boys' hands to make an honest living. These people can do almost anything with their hands and with very poor materials and implements; they are versatile and have as wide differentiation of tastes and talents among them as among other peoples. Mechanical employments attract the larger number. They make good builders and furniture, and many learn the machinist trade well. Carpet weaving could be taught them, and how to run engines. Indeed, there are many people and educators who believe it is a serious mistake to bring them to the States and to give them a routine mental cramming of material foreign to their natural or normal elements, but they should be taught the essential rudiments of learning and to work with their hands well enough to earn their own living in their own country; and were they thus equipped, would have a better start in life.

The life of these people depend on the next ten years of our work among them, and our papers are full of the question as to whether Alaska shall be despoiled for the trusts or for individuals in the United States, but not one word is said of these people to whom the grand heritage of mountains of coal and gold and their rivers of fish, while the fish trusts wax fat. In days of old, barons marched cheerfully up to their weaker brother and demanded him to fight for his wealth and possessions, and he had a little warning and at least a chance to protect his own. Not so at the present day, with our barons of finance. They go quietly about and gather up all the strength they can. They go to

our great Congress and persuade our lawmakers to legalize their right to take their brother's possessions. O, may we never have cause to look back upon our treatment of these people of this cold, vast, dreary country with shame! May we all lend our aid and prayers that our Government will give them a square deal, and may the dear Father watch over them and our workers in the field!

And won't you, dear sister workers, remember this isolated field, where our workers are cut off from all their friends and association with God's people for such a long time? Take a scholarship in Jesse Lee and help toward the salary for a helper for our Superintendent. He certainly needs help.

There will be need of your boxes and barrels this year; last year was a hard one at the Home, the winter being unusually severe. Address all boxes, parcels, or barrels to Dr. Henry Klopper, Superintendent, Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska, Alaska; and all communications regarding the work or about the Home to the Bureau Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Parsons, 3507 Sixth Avenue, Tacoma, Wash.

Boxes can be sent into Alaska for Jesse Lee Home free of freight charges from Seattle, if sent to that city in time to catch the Revenue cutters that leave Seattle from April 1st to April 10th. These boxes should be addressed to Dr. Henry Klopper, Superintendent Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska, Alaska. Seattle, care of Mrs. J. H. Parsons.

The freight must be prepaid from your home or starting point to Seattle. Also have your freight agent make out your manifest, and that will save twenty-five cents at this end. Send your bill of lading and manifest, together with a dollar at least to cover transfer charges, to the Bureau Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Parsons, Tacoma, Wash.

For boxes sent in at other times of the year—for they can be sent in every month, the steamers leaving on the 8th sometimes, or on the 24th of each month—address to Dr. Henry Klopper, Superintendent Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska, Alaska, via Alaska Steamship Company, Tacoma, Wash. Send these boxes, if possible, west over the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and then there will be no warfage or transfer charges, which amount to about $1.50, and sometimes more. Have your local agent make out the manifest, which will cost 25 cents here, and your local agent will do it there for nothing. Also prepay your railroad freight from the starting point to Tacoma. Have your local agent approximate the steamship freight, which will be at the rate of $18 per ton from Tacoma, but be sure and pack your boxes as compactly as possible in as small a box as you possibly can, for if the box measures up to more freight than by weight, they will charge at the rate of forty cubic feet per ton, and many times a light box costs more than heavy freight would. Send the manifest, bill of lading, and money for the steamship freight, and if sent over other roads than the Canadian Pacific, send $1.50 extra to pay transferring and wharfage, to Mrs. J. H. Parsons, 3507 Sixth Ave., Tacoma, Wash.

Mrs. J. H. Parsons, *Secretary.*

Sinuk Mission.—P. O., Nome, Alaska.

(Scholarship, $70.)

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Baldwin, who are in charge of this Mission, are not only faithful and efficient, but enthusiastic in their work for the uplift of the Eskimos, several hundreds of whom have come under

their influence. Early in September Mrs. Baldwin's mother arrived from Boston to spend a year with her daughter, and on September 26th, Wm. Faulkner Baldwin, Jr., arrived, the first white baby born at Sinuk.

Our Home.

The Hildah Seward Industrial Home and Orphanage, completed less than a year ago, and paid for, is well built, comfortable, and a pleasant home for our workers and about a dozen orphan or semi-orphan Eskimo children. Mr. Baldwin says if many more come it will be necessary to put cots in the room used now as a chapel. Mr. Baldwin is also having some success in carrying out our plan of getting the natives from several surrounding places to move to Sinuk. Then in the summer many tribes from a distance camp at Sinuk for a while, and as all are eager to attend services hundreds were unable to gain admittance last summer. So it is apparent that a larger chapel—a separate building—is needed. Mr. Baldwin is having plans drawn, and we hope to have the chapel built next summer, so that all who will may hear the "good news."

Our missionary boat, the *New Jersey*, the need for which was explained last year, was built at Seattle and sent to Sinuk on the deck of a steamer, arriving August 9th. The natives were eagerly awaiting its arrival, and no sooner had it touched the water, says Mr. Baldwin, than it was covered with Eskimos, who were as pleased as a boy with his first pair of trousers. Mr. Baldwin called them all together, explained why the boat was sent to them, and had them elect two captains who are competent to manage the boat. As a large whale had been washed ashore a few miles up the coast, the boat was at once put to use. The whale meat was buried deep in the ground, to be preserved for dog food in the winter.

It is hoped that many of the King Islanders will move to Sinuk next summer, when they learn that it has been made possible for them to get over to the island when the game, which is their main support, comes down on the ice floes from the Arctic seas in the early summer. Then their children can attend school and have all the privileges of the Mission. The boat will be useful in many other ways, and will be a comfort to our workers. The good women of the New Jersey Conference, who decided to celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary by paying for this boat, in addition to their usual work, may thank the loving Father that they have thus made it possible for so many of His little ones, hitherto neglected, to learn that the Savior died even for them, and that His people are interested in their welfare in this world as well as the next.

Our Reindeer.

Last winter we took in over $250 from the sale of male deer in Nome market to help in the support of the apprentices, and hope to do as well this year, but as it requires more to feed, clothe, and house these apprentices, it is still necessary for our friends to help. As the reindeer must be herded several miles from the village, the herders must live in a camp, and Mrs. Baldwin says they are continually begging for books and papers to read. The one who can best make out the words reads aloud to the others. As Sinuk library contained only about twenty books, and few of them suitable, we sent a small box full before navigation closed, and now ask those who send boxes to remember these young men. Send simple and interesting books such as your own boys enjoyed when in their teens—books that will help our missionaries give them higher ideals of life.

Sympathy and Prayers.

Remember these self-sacrificing workers every day, and let them know that they are remembered. Pray, too, for the success of this new work in this far-off field.

Our Needs.

1. Money for the chapel and supplies.
2. Books and pictures.
3. Cards with the Ten Commandments or the Lord's Prayer printed in large letters to hang in the chapel and in children's rooms.
4. Five dollars each for reindeer.
5. Boxes of good second-hand clothing for men, women, and children, including socks, boots, shirts, underwear, and red bandana handkerchiefs for men and boys (Mr. Baldwin requires the men and boys to pay for their clothing by hauling driftwood to the Mission, thus securing all that was needed last year); for women and girls, skirts, waists, wrappers, stockings, but no cloaks, jackets, or capes, as plenty of these are on hand; bed and table linen, towels, knives, forks, spoons, and many other articles needed in a home.
6. Christmas presents, such as dolls, toys, books, cards, nuts, raisins, etc., which must be sent in the early summer to be in time.

Note.—All boxes sent to San Francisco before the middle of April will be carried by Revenue Cutters from that city to the Mission free of charge. Address them to Mr. W. F. Baldwin, Sinuk Mission, care Purchasing Officer Revenue Cutter Service, Appraiser's Building, San Francisco, California.

Mrs. R. H. Young, *Assistant Secretary.*

IMMIGRANT WORK.

Immigrant work at our National Ports of Entry was undertaken by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church upon learning of the many evils that befell the unsuspecting women and girls who came to our shores from foreign countries.

Information gained from reliable sources showed that human fiends met and led hundreds annually to their eternal ruin. In order to remedy this evil and save the innocent victims from such dire calamity the work was started in the year 1888. Christian women were found who for "love of Christ and in His name" were willing to go to the immigrant stations, out on the piers, through the barge offices, mingle freely among the forlorn, unkempt steerage passengers, and lend a helping hand.

The ready smile of good-will taking the place of the spoken word of the unknown language, it must needs be, often, the sign language to offer lodgings and food and safety.

In order to be more effective it was found necessary to have places of shelter—homes in which women and girls could be cared for during necessary delay by reason of illness in the family of little ones, or some physical defect requiring examination by the officials at the station.

Homes were opened at East Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. These proved to be veritable havens of security and shelter from those

who would have worked their wicked designs. The Home in Philadelphia was kept open for eight years, but was then closed on account of an epidemic in the neighborhood, and has not since been reopened. The work at the stations is carried on very effectively by a deaconess.

During the past year immigration has changed and a larger per cent came from Northern instead of Southern Europe, as has been the case for the past few years.

It is most interesting to study the report of the Commissioner of Immigration for 1909. It gives the whole number of immigrants coming to this country since 1820, a total up to June 30, 1909, of 26,852,753. The table of annual arrivals is a wave line, extending, receding, marking clearly our business prosperity and our financial depression. The first extended wave line reached beyond 400,000 in 1854, then, because of our Civil War, receded to 72,183 in 1862. It extended again to 404,806 in 1872, and receded to 138,459 in 1878. In 1882 it extended to 788,992, and depressed to 229,299 in 1898. Then flood-tide was reached, the wave extending to 1,285,349 in 1907, then depressed to 759,896 in 1909.

In the year 1908 the President of the United States signed the International Agreement governing the white slave traffic, thus taking stringent measures to put down this horrible traffic in women and girls which has been going on to such an alarming extent. Of the number of immigrants admitted in 1909, which was 751,786, there were 191,049 persons over fourteen years of age who could neither read nor write. Does not this array of figures prove the necessity of assiduous effort to study the best means of helping those who come to us?

At East Boston the need of a new building has become more and more imperative. The Board of Trustees have sanctioned the request of the New England Conference Managers to be allowed to appeal to the different Conference Societies for help in raising the amount necessary, which is $25,000.

At this port there is also an annex, which accommodates passengers landed at Charlestown. A small house is rented, and the statistics show that about five hundred were sheltered there last year. Mrs. Amanda C. Clark is the missionary.

The Immigrant Girls' Home, 9 State Street, New York City, is as a "lighthouse set upon a hill." Our workers here met 1,032 steamships.

Who can estimate the value of the timely interest, the aid in finding friends, in securing situations, caring for the heartsick mothers? Some of these are detained for weeks, waiting for a loved one who is in the hospital. After waiting, many are obliged to go on the lonely journey and leave the loved form, seen for the last time when taken from her arms to be hurried away for medical treatment. Miss Alma Matthews is the beloved missionary.

Our work at the Philadelphia station has greatly increased during the past year. New lines of steamships have been added, necessitating two different landing-places quite distant from each other.

Miss Amanda Ford is the deaconess worker. She is obliged to rise at 4 A. M., in order to reach the wharves in time for the landing, which takes place generally at 7 A. M.

She makes hundreds of calls at the hospitals where the sick are detained for treatment, and greatly desires donations of toys for the children who have to be placed in isolation wards and have such a dreary time. Clothing is also greatly needed. One family of parents and six children had but the garments they wore.

This work, so vast and necessary, must appeal to you as you read, *Be a helper in the cause.*

Statistical Report.

East Boston Home, 72-74 E. Marginal St.

Number of steamers met	112
Number of lodgings furnished	2,722
Number of meals served	8,963
Number of passengers in the Home	11,641
Number of passengers helped on piers	2,560
Number of women helped	294
Number of men helped	293
Number of children helped	65
Number of situations secured	28
Number of telegrams and letters sent	667
Number of tracts and papers distributed	1,118
Number of girls sent to friends	93
Number of garments distributed	1,474

Charlestown Annex.

Number in the Home	479
Number of lodgings	431
Number of meals served	1,371

New York Girls' Home, No. 9 State St.

Number of steamers met	1,032
Number of steerage passengers	741,593
Number of new arrivals in the Home	555
Number of meals served	18,569
Number of lodgings furnished	6,362
Number of girls sent to friends	1,399
Number of situations secured	159
Number of letters sent to friends of girls	1,188
Number of telegrams sent	75
Number of nationalities represented	12

Many barrels of clothing distributed.

Philadelphia Station.

Number of steamers met	102
Number of passengers	37,245
Number of visits to station	630
Number of visits to hospitals	52
Number of persons visited	517
Number of Bibles distributed	25,930
Number of papers distributed	1,689
Number of cards and toys distributed	2,503
Number of times food given	2,666
Number of garments given	182
Number of families aided	708
Cash expended	$69 15

Mrs. C. W. Bickley, *Secretary.*

Hull Street Settlement and Medical Mission Dispensary, 36 Hull Street, Boston, Mass.

A glance backward is usually helpful in all lines of work, especially when it tends to increase new interest and stimulate us to greater effort in the future. Certainly the Lord has led us in a wonderful way in our work at the north end of Boston. Sixteen years ago, when we made our small beginning at the little room on Hull Street, we had faith, but hardly faith large enough to believe our work could grow as it has in this short time. A friend looking for the Mission was directed to it by a little girl, who said. "It is the place where they do people good." This is what we are here for.

Treatments to the number of 14,754 have been given in our clinics the past year, 5,183 of these being new patients. There have been 429 operations and 146 obstetrical cases. The largest clinic was May 11th, when we had ninety patients. We have cared for forty children in our little ward. The doctor and nurses for the schools in our district appreciate the work being done here, and have brought many cases to our ear, nose, throat, and eye specialists.

Nurses and doctors have made 4,270 professional calls and 1,780 friendly calls. The Deaconess Hospital has kindly taken several of our patients at reduced price. How much we need and how we long for a hospital right here in "Little Italy!" Many are suffering in our midst to-day from the need of surgical treatment, yet they can not be persuaded to go to hospitals in the city. If we had one under our own staff of doctors and nurses they would willingly come to us, for we are their friends and neighbors.

Little Michael, who came into the ward for an operation, after he had been bathed, dressed in clean night-clothes, and put into a clean bed, said, "I never thought I could feel so comfortable."

Settlement Work.

Membership of clubs and classes, 340. Three new clubs for young women were started this year: a literary club, millinery, and the Picture Loan Club. In the Picture Loan Club framed pictures by old masters and modern painters are loaned to the girls. They hang them upon the walls in their homes and are allowed to keep each picture two weeks. A talk is given at each meeting by the club leader upon one of the pictures and the life of the artist who painted it. Our hope is that these pictures or similar ones may soon take the places of the gaudy ones which now decorate their homes.

One of our young women says, "I watch the clock every club night, and am so glad when the hour comes for club meeting." In June there was given our annual exhibit of work done in the clubs and classes.

At a social given one of the boys' clubs, three boys asked if they might take their ice-cream and cake home to their mothers; an example of kind thoughtfulness which might well be imitated by some of our American children.

Fourteen hundred calls have been made by social workers. Figures mean very little, yet each call represents sympathy, words of encouragement, and help in many ways, and the words of gratitude and thanksgiving from these foreign friends make the worker forget the many stairs she has climbed and the weariness of body. She goes home singing songs of rejoicing that the Lord has called her to be a co-worker with Him.

Stamp savers at Lowney's chocolate factory and the Mission number 215. Money saved, $537.65.

We were kindly remembered at Thanksgiving and Christmas, which made it possible for us to help many families in the district, also make each member of the clubs and classes happy with some simple gift.

Lectures, entertainments, and concerts have been given during the winter, and several picnics and outings to mothers, children, and clubs during the summer.

Mr. Burroughs, of Portland, Maine, very generously gave us, this spring, window and door-screens for the entire house. For this gift we are exceedingly grateful. Often the question is asked, "How did we ever live without them?" The family in the house numbers ten: Superintendent, two internes, superintendent of nurses, four student nurses, social worker, and matron. If a young woman is seeking an easy place in life we would not advise her to come to our Mission; but if she desires to work for the Master, to help the needy, the suffering, "the stranger within our gates," we say, Come and join the class of student nurses. This is truly Foreign Missions in our Home land.

"It is great to be out where the fight is strong,
To be where the heaviest troops belong,
And to fight for man and God."

(Mrs.) Mary B. Taylor, *Superintendent.*

MOTHER'S JEWELS HOME, YORK, NEB.

(Scholarship, $50.)

The winter and summer alike during this last year have been busy seasons. Our children are as engrossed as those of any other households in the all-absorbing school life. And this holds features of even added interest in that this fall has been added the seventh grade to our Home school. Enough work is always planned to keep a healthy industry, even in vacation days.

The drought of the last summer did not affect us on the farm as we earlier feared it might. The corn crop proved fair at its harvest. The wheat, though considerably below the yield of last year, is of an excellent quality. Potatoes, in many places a failure because of the fitful season, with us yielded near a half crop. Other vegetables and fruits had but a meager yield. But this has been the "common lot of all" in Nebraska, and indeed in many other States this year.

Good health has been the rule in the Home. However, we close the year with one place left vacant. Clara Hickman, the older of two sisters who have been with us since childhood, and whose frail body, despite all the care of the years, has gradually wasted, slipped quietly and happily away this summer to the other home where suns never wane nor airs grow cold, leaving as a heritage to her devoted sister the memory of her spirituelle face and life. Her sister Goldie, a young woman of the highest caliber both mentally and spiritually, completed her teacher's training course at the Nebraska State Normal in the spring, and entered this fall upon her career as teacher in an excellent school. Ella, another of our older girls, finished her high school course in York in June and also has entered the schoolroom as a teacher.

Paint and paper here and there, a bit of lumber, and a few nails

have given some much needed improvements this fall and made everything much more comely to present to the ministry of the Nebraska Conference at its annual meeting, which was held in York in September. A reception at the Home during its session brought the ministers and visitors in closer touch with the Home and its work. Words of highest commendation characterized the leave-taking of all the company as they returned to the Conference room in the automobiles and carriages that the good citizens of York had provided for the occasion.

Mr. Spurlock is holding things within the Home with his old-time vigor and with interest unabated.

Stay by us, friends of childhood, and we will give back to you and the world a fine per cent of excellent manhood and womanhood with the passing years.

Mrs. Annie Hobbs Woodcock, *Chairman of Committee.*

WATTS DE PEYSTER INDUSTRIAL HOME AND SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, TIVOLI, N. Y.

(Scholarship, $70.)

The Watts de Peyster Home has completed another year of its useful work, and it is with pleasure and gratitude that we are able to report it a successful year.

The Home has been filled to its utmost capacity, with several applications on the waiting-list. Several of our girls have become of age and have gone to good homes, making room for others.

There has been no serious illness among the girls, and all are happy and contented and show commendable progress in their studies.

"Founder's Day" was celebrated by a large attendance of friends and workers for the Home. Many who for the first time had a chance to see the workings of the Home have taken great interest and have done good work in interesting others.

It is with deep sorrow and regret that I have to report the death of our devoted and beloved Superintendent, Miss Schveder. She has been under treatment at a hospital in New York for several months. After a life devoted to earnest Christian work she has gone to her reward. At her request she was buried in the cemetery of the Home.

Miss Fanny Boddington, who has been an earnest and devoted teacher at the Home for several years, has been appointed Superintendent.

Two of our industrial teachers have resigned during the year, and their places have been filled.

In closing this report we again appeal to the friends of the work for their liberal support.

Mrs. Frank Norton, *Chairman of Committee.*

CUNNINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOME.

During the year beginning July 1, 1909, and ending July 1, 1910, one hundred and three children have been cared for; forty-five of these were boys, and fifty-eight of them were girls. Of these, ninety-eight were under the age of nine years, and the youngest less than three hours old. Fourteen in all were bottle babies.

Three tiny babes have died since our last report, of diseases common to children improperly nourished and born under unfavorable conditions.

We had twenty-two cases of measles during the late winter and early spring, and all excepting three cases were cared for in the dormitories where the other children sleep. I mention this fact that you may see the extreme necessity of more room.

The Home has undergone a thorough renovation, followed by cleaning, painting, and papering; all of which was quite necessary, both from a sanitary point of view and for the comfort of the children and workers.

The moral and spiritual standing of the children is exceptionally good. A number of our twelve-year-old girls take a leading part in our prayer-meeting service on Tuesday evenings, and all take an active interest in Sunday school and Junior League.

The supplies for the year have come in on good time and have been more generous in quantity and of a much better quality as a whole than in former years.

The new water-supply system, though not perfect in every respect, is a great convenience and adds much to the comfort and healthfulness of the Home.

We are now living in high hopes that we may soon have sufficient means to build new buildings suitable to the pressing demands of this work, and to that end we pray.

WM. A. DAVIS, *Superintendent.*
MARY S. DAVIS, *Matron.*

THE ELIZABETH A. BRADLEY CHILDREN'S HOME, HULTON, PA. (P. O., OAKMONT, PA.)

Many of those present no doubt remember that the Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home was opened and formally dedicated to its beautiful work of caring for homeless children May 29, 1905.

The title of this property lies in the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Pittsburg Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of Pennsylvania.

I make this explanation in answer to the questions asked as to who holds the deed of this Home.

We can report a happy, healthful, prosperous year. No illness or trouble has come nigh us. The finest garden in the borough has added much to the health of the children and support of the Home, and we are pleased to report all expenses paid and a balance with which to commence the new year. And now I must tell you of the new baby in our Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The Young Woman's Guild of Christ Methodist Episcopal Church (who belong to your Society) have opened a Home in a beautiful old residence in the West End, where they are caring for some twenty-six needy neglected babies. During the past year they have raised and expended over $3,000 in this work.

I ask you to allow us an appropriation for this work, asking no pledges, as Christ Methodist Episcopal Church has thus far taken care of the Home. MRS. P. D. PERCHMENT, *Chairman of Committee.*

GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME.

641 W. Fourth St., Cincinnati, O.

"The greatest thing," says some one, "a man can do for his Heavenly Father is to be kind to some of His other children."

This is the work of Glenn Home, to show forth the loving kindness of God to as many of His other children in the city of Cincinnati as our strength, time, and money will permit. Nineteen beautiful years has the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society been carried on in this Home, which is located in the heart of the business section of our city, No. 641 West Fourth Street, the mission at No. 725 West Fifth Street, and the cottage in the distillery district at Riverside. Six workers were regularly employed, Miss Bassett, one of our workers, having been retired, but whom the Society still bears in loving care.

The Boys' Club, under the instruction of Mr. Hayes, has held regular weekly meetings, with an increasing attendance and interest. That the fruits of the instruction imparted at these gatherings are a goodly harvest is proven by the lives the boys are living, on a higher plane than those of their neighbors, and the principles of good citizenship inculcated will tend to righteousness in the years to come in the lives of the "Citizens of the To-morrow."

Mrs. E. W. Harper, Greenville, Ohio, Chairman of the House Committee for the Conference, has through diligent efforts, in spite of illness in her own home, raised funds for the new matting and for house-cleaning in the Home, besides securing other generous donations of money from the Dayton District.

In spite of much sickness the three kindergartens enrolled 148 children last year, with an average attendance of eighty-five. Many incidents of pleasing nature might be told of the days spent with these little ones, as also pathetic and sad ones.

The saddest experience of the year came when, a few days before Christmas, just as she was learning her part for the Christmas exercises, one of our little girls met with an accident, and was so badly scalded that she had to be taken to the City Hospital, and a few weeks later was removed to the Children's Hospital. For a time we almost despaired of her life, but God was good and restored her to health and strength.

At the beginning of the year we enrolled four Italian children; the home of two was in an old stable, and that of the others was not much better. No wonder the baby in one home sickened and died, and the others were absent frequently on account of poor health. The mothers of these children could not understand a word of English, and the children had to act as interpreters when we visited them. The day the children were enrolled, the kindergartner, Miss Wolfer, tried to get the family names and inquired, "Rosa, what is your last name?" She looked blank, and thinking to help, the teacher said, "What is your mother's name?" "My mamma's name is Mary, God named mamma's name Mary, because it is the best name in the whole world."

The Needle Work Guild donated a pair of stockings for each child in the Mission Kindergarten, as well as a beautiful new bonnet for each girl. One morning shortly before Easter the two kindergartens took a walk to the Flower Market together, and also walked down one of the main streets to look into the windows. A strange gentleman asked who the children were, and invited the fifty little tots into a nearby candy-store,

allowing each child to make his own selection of an Easter toy filled with candy. The stranger proved to be a lecturer from Chicago, and was so delighted at the pleasure afforded the children and the appreciation they expressed that he promised to visit them in their school at a later date.

The West Virginia Conference, whence came our good worker Miss Jamison, remembered us with a donation of twenty dollars' worth of supplies.

Several of the local Churches have sent in gifts of flowers, etc., from time to time and added to the brightness of the lives of the children as well as their parents.

The annual outings and picnics were held through the thoughtful kindness of Mrs. O. P. McCarty, Mrs. Whittaker, and others. To these occasions the children look forward eagerly each year.

Mrs. Fleischmann entertained six kindergartens at one time at the Zoo in the spring, including our Mission kindergarten.

Grateful acknowledgments are due Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Harkness, ladies of the Avondale Auxiliary of the Madisonville Church, Mr. Chester Mirick of the Chatfield & Woods Company, and others, for generous and helpful donations of supplies.

Thanks are given to those who have given helpful talks at the monthly mothers' meetings, among them Dr. W. D. Cole, Dr. Maloney, Miss Jennie of the University, Mrs. I. D. Jones, and others. At the April meeting Dr. Cole baptized six of the children from our school.

The work at the Riverside Cottage had many discouragements this year, but Miss Betty made 325 visits in the homes, a Sunday school has been maintained as well as the industrial classes, while two entertainments have netted about $40.

This year the work at Riverside has taken the form of settlement work, the kindergarten having been abandoned; the principal feature of the work will be the mothers' meetings, and work which will tend to help them to help themselves.

The Sunday-school at the Fifth Street Mission, under the direction of Miss Jamison, has been studying the graded lessons and the work has been most interesting, the one thing lacking being sufficient help at all sessions.

Glenn Home Auxiliary Nos. 1 and 2 and the Cheerful Workers have done excellent work throughout the year, not only in raising of funds, but in the regular work and in making helpful garments for the needy ones.

Numerous entertainments were given at the Mission throughout the year, and for the assistance rendered at these times we return thanks to Mr. D. Jewell Durrell, Mrs. M. A. Given, Miss Betty, Mr. Hammond, Rev. Mr. Locke, Rev. Mr. Clerke, and Miss Frost. Friends who have been helpful in the industrial classes are Mrs. Chas. Mayer, Mrs. Simmonds, and Miss Williams.

The efficient Local House Committee, consisting of Mrs. Dymond and Mrs. Clement, have looked after the needs of the Home and have supplied many necessities, not the least among which have been a fireless cooker and a new hot water heater.

The receipts of the Boarding Department were $3,665.34, the disbursements the same. This department is one always full of interest, because of the diverse characters represented; yet under the guiding hand of the wise Superintendent, Mrs. Given, they all seem to fit together, forming a beautiful mosaic, for which the motto of the Home is largely responsible—"As for me and my household we will serve the Lord."

The "Poor Closet" has been supplied from time to time with garments from the homes of our friends, and cash to the amount of $691.44 has been sent in, and garments numbered 1,816. A frequent remembrance of this closet is earnestly urged upon our friends.

The Treasurer reports balance and receipts for the year, $3,005.49; disbursements, $2,990.02; balance, $15.47.

To the regret of all, our efficient Chairman of sixteen years, Mrs. I. D. Jones, has been compelled to lay down the work, though we are sure her interest is still with us. The Board has elected her President Emeritus. We feel that the lines of duty, having fallen into our hands, are too heavy to bear alone, but with the help of our kind friends, we will go forward, doing our best in His name.

The Glenn Home Board appreciates the efforts of those who have in any way assisted in the past year, but we feel constrained to call for greater effort this coming year.

Rally, sisters, to the support of this great work, which belongs to our Heavenly Father, and it is but needed that we each do our part.

Mrs. D. Jewell Durrell, *Chairman.*

THE ELIZABETH MARCY HOME AND ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE MISSIONS.

Alterations and changes in the Marcy Home building, contemplated for a number of years, have been during the past year accomplished, and have added to the efficiency of all departments of work.

Our workers all deserve commendation for the cheerfulness and patience with which they endured the tedious strain of the many months required for these necessary changes, and they enter upon the duties of the new year with vigor and enthusiasm.

For several years the quarters occupied by the Dispensary have been very inadequate, and two new office rooms have been added, making in all four offices and a large waiting room for patients. Five doctors and two nurses are kept busy in the clinics, which are held every afternoon of the week. An average of 800 patients are cared for each month, being mostly women and children.

Splendid accommodations for the Day Nursery, consisting of a diet kitchen, bath, sleeping and a very large play-room, have also been added. Also a large club-room which is in constant demand and five new bedrooms for the comfort of resident and transient workers. Besides these additions and alterations the whole building has been renovated and redecorated, and is in a splendid sanitary condition.

All lines of Church and Sunday-school work, Epworth and Junior Leagues have been carried on as usual with success. The stereopticon purchased last year has been a great help, being used by the pastor every Sunday evening during the summer, thereby attracting many visitors to the services.

The library still continues popular, about 800 patrons taking out from 1,600 to 2.000 books monthly.

The kindergarten has an enrollment of fifty, the regular teacher being assisted by two cadets.

Rock River Conference Missions.

Work has been carried on by the Rock River Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society at the First Italian Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, under the direction of Miss Jacobus. This year Miss Louise Panetty, a most accomplished musician, and speaking French, Italian, and English fluently, will have charge of the work and will be assisted by Miss Ruth Burke, kindergarten teacher.

At Ada Street a day nursery has been opened, besides the usual work done by two missionaries.

Spring Valley Circuit has a population of 24,000 living in four mining towns, and the pastor in charge travels thirty-four miles every Sunday by trolley in ministering to his people. The Woman's Home Missionary Society supports two missionaries, one the daughter of a Roman Catholic father and Methodist mother, the other a trained nurse, who have both rendered faithful service the past year.

At Chicago Heights our missionary has assisted the pastor in all matters pertaining to the Church services, and has conducted a very successful serving school. She has had 130 girls enrolled in the different grades, representing eleven nationalities.

Our Society supports the teacher of a very successful serving school under the management of the Lincoln Street Institutional Church, Chicago. This school has a course of three years, teaching the art from the beginning to cutting and fitting and finishing off.

At Joliet, Ill., a very successful Italian Mission is the outgrowth of work conducted last year by Miss Panetty. Rev. Armatti has been made local preacher in charge, and his wife will work under the auspices of our Society. This work at Joliet has been the means of the organization of a number of Auxiliaries in several Churches.

The Jewish work under the management of Rev. Jacob Bernheim and his wife has consisted of educational classes two evenings each week, when the common English branches are taught to young Jewish men and women. The average attendance at each session has been thirty-five.

The Sabbath-school held every Saturday afternoon has had an average of thirty pupils and has resulted in the conversion of several children.

The Sunday Bible Class for Adults held every Sunday afternoon has had an average attendance of seven. A teacher speaking the Yiddish language has been secured and a great work is anticipated the coming year.

"Friends of Israel" monthly prayer-meetings have been held with an attendance of thirty. These are Christian friends who pray for Israel.

Three hundred and three Bibles in different languages have been distributed by our Jewish missionaries.

MRS. D. D. THOMPSON, *Chairman of Committee.*

SUSANNA WESLEY HOME FOR SCANDINAVIAN YOUNG WOMEN.

3330 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.

This year has been a rather notable year in the history of the Home. It has, through rather favorable circumstances, been enabled to move into its own quarters, and we look up to God who has so wonderfully led us

through all trials to be with us through the sometime very narrow passes and help us that the Home may be paid for and really be ours. Two hundred and eighty-three Scandinavian young women have been at the Home for longer or shorter time; from everywhere have they came, received blessing, made new friends and met old ones, and with new hope and new strength and a surer hold on "the everlasting arm" have they again gone out in life.

Our dear Superintendent, Miss Augusta Challman, has had her hands more than full, but the Master who said, "As thy day so thy strength," has kept His promise and greatly blessed her work.

May the Home continue and enlarge its blessed mission and always remain a lifeline thrown out in a sinful world. God bless the work and its dear workers! (Miss) Inez Johanson, *Secretary.*

UTICA ITALIAN MISSION.

98 Third Ave., Utica, N. Y.

We have had a successful year of work at the Italian Mission at Utica, N. Y., and a new day is dawning on our efforts among these people. We have secured by gifts from the Methodist Evangelization Union and by purchase a site for our new Italian Mission house, worth $2,000. It is on Mary Street, in rear of the Italian Methodist Church on Elizabeth Street. It is a splendid site, in the heart of the Italian district. Frank W. Kirkland, architect, Rome, N. Y., has submitted plans which have been accepted for the new mission house, which will cost $10,000. The contracts have been let and the building is in process of construction, which we hope to occupy in the spring.

In the meantime we have secured more ample accommodations at No. 139 Elizabeth Street, where the work is being successfully conducted by our Deaconesses and local helpers.

We have joined the Sunday school with that of the Italian Methodist Church. In our kindergarten Miss Ella M. Orme is the organist and Miss Hattie E. Davis is the treasurer, and both are teachers.

During the past year work was conducted by Miss Hattie E. Davis and Miss Eunice I. Britt, Deaconesses and local workers, who volunteered their aid. This year we expect to employ additional help beside the volunteer aid which we receive from the city.

The problem of financing our building is a heavy one, and will call upon the generosity and co-operation of all our loyal women. Our needs are great, our opportunity is greater. We have had the courage to enter this open door trusting in God and in the loyalty of the women of our Society.

We are thankful for the encouragement we have received from the General Society, and with faith and work we expect success.

(Mrs.) Alice G. Hunt, *Chairman of Committee.*

ITALIAN MISSION, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

In very many instances "'Tis distance lends enchantment."

We hear of the gospel being carried into heathen lands, and our hearts are thrilled. Religious freedom in the United States shelters

under its tolerant and ample folds thousands of representatives of a number of these so-called heathen beliefs.

Among the organized followers of Buddhism are the Chinese and Japanese. Their temples, of which there are sixty-two Chinese and twelve Japanese in this country, the former being distributed over twelve and the latter over three States. California shelters all but three of the Japanese and more than one-half of the Chinese temples. About forty were destroyed at the time of the earthquake.

New York boasts of fifteen Chinese temples, the remainder being scattered over ten States, mostly in the West.

The Hindu religion has organizations in New York, Pittsburg, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Again, "'Tis distance lends enchantment." The story comes of a rescued life among the little brown people of Hawaii, or at San Francisco, and we are deeply moved, but what about the women and children of Italy who are in as great need of being saved? Far away from their own land, knowing little, if any, of the language, customs, people, or beliefs of our land to which they come, they are often lonesome and homesick, puzzled by the strangeness of it all, and very many times in more peril of losing soul and body than when in their own country. Are they not as worthy of salvation in our cities as in their own country? Had we lived up to our responsibility in sending help to them in their own fair land the Lord would not have brought them here.

Among them your workers have gone, visiting, teaching, scattering the Word; reading and singing the gospel; trying to be real friends and to sow the seed for the coming of the Kingdom of Christ in the hearts of those who are still in darkness.

Good has been accomplished; our time and labor have not been in vain; but we believe that after four years' work we should have something more to show as results—that we ought to be doing something more permanent. The work of visiting the homes is important and must be done, but among so many, scattered over such a large portion of our city, it is impossible for one person to reach a majority of them often enough to do them the good they stand in need of. We need quarters large enough to carry out the plans of the night school, the sewing classes without interfering with the Church life. We need a home where they may be invited to come and be neighborly; a place where the young men, and older ones as well, may spend their evenings; a place to be at once a haven of rest, a refuge, a real salvation from the temptations and dangers with which they are surrounded at all times. Is it unreasonable to ask for such quarters? Ponder it well, plan for a better and more definite work among these people, and by your wisdom and aid enable your workers to put before you more and more tangible results of the work.

Miss Jeannette E. Brown opened the kindergarten the first Tuesday of September, 1909, with an enrollment of twenty. The school was continued for the ten months. Vacations were at the same time observed by the public schools. Many of the children brought the "baby" with them. These were placed on chairs within easy reach of the teacher, who acted as nurse as well as teacher. The work was of such character and standards as taught in the public schools. As there was to be a test examination for the city teachers, Miss Brown availed herself of this, and her rating in kindergarten methods was 96; music, B and the others, 89. These are the teachers the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School gives to us.

The night school opened the 15th of October, 1909, with an enroll-

ment of twenty-five, and continued until May 1, 1910. The pastor, Rev. David Acquarone, and Miss Brown were in attendance at every session, but there were times when the Superintendent must needs be about other departments of the Master's business; in such cases volunteer supplies from Grace Methodist Episcopal Church were welcome. Some of our pupils are now in the Third Reader, and most all of them are able to read the Sunday-school lesson in English. With this practice in mind, the Beginners' Series of graded lessons was secured.

Tuesday evening the Epworth League and Bible Study is in charge of the pastor. Thursday evening the prayer and praise services are held. The sewing classes were the most successful of all years. Skirts, undergarments, aprons, fancy and useful bags were made. The improvement in their work was most gratifying. We received several boxes of supplies, both for sewing and comfort, and making glad the hearts of the sick ones.

The hospital service is one that takes up much of the time of the Superintendent. Very unexpectedly comes the call for such service. Calling up the hospital I find that a bed can be secured, then hurrying to the patient, try as best I can to relieve the fear, for they have not had friends who have known of the care rendered at the hospital. Appendicitis attacks these lowly ones, who must be saved and cared for as quickly as our more highly favored sisters.

Knowing that the care received at the hospital is more reasonable and better than they may secure at home, the members of the Mission now go to the maternity ward; they find that the children are so much better, they themselves so much stronger, their husbands better able to pay for these extras than in the old days, and so willing to pay.

The "white plague" finds its victims in our midst, the little ones as well as the older ones. Little Loyiga, the hunchback; little Mary, with the crooked feet; Guiseppa, who must always be on crutches, have this for an inheritance, while we are doing what we can for both parents and children.

The services on the Sabbath are morning at 10:30; Sunday school immediately after this service. A large number of the adult members stay and thus we are building up a family Sunday school. The "Beginners' Graded Series" is used (the gift of the Methodist Board of Sunday school Education), and the people are taught by the reading first in English and interpreted by the pastor. The evening service is always largest in point of numbers. Conversions are not rare. Many times we are surprised by the testimony of some one of whom we had not known of their seeking after eternal life, so secretive are they when about to come into the Mission for salvation.

Very many interesting facts could be given, but time and space will not permit. From the instruction received in the night school one "Thomissinna" was brought to know the value of Christianity, and after coming into the "light as it is in Christ Jesus," he brought his whole family of eight into the Mission; the father not having been in a church for thirty-five years. The sister is now betrothed to one of our first converts. These people are doing more missionary work than several English workers can accomplish, because of their use of their own language.

The vacation school was deeply appreciated by the mothers, and through this many new ones were added to the school. Thirteen adult young men united with the Church. May the Lord hasten the day when they shall all know Him and serve Him!

Report of Superintendent, 1909-1910.

No. hours, night school	120
" " sewing school	50
" " Sunday school	45
No. calls, family	275
" " hospital	55
Average attendance, night school	30
" " sewing classes	56
" " Sunday school	70
" " morning service	60
" " evening service	70

Kindergarten—Miss Brown, Teacher (eight months)—

Average attendance	18
Vacation school	30
Calls by Miss Brown	30
Hours in night school	80
" Sunday school	30
" sewing classes	25
" Sunday morning service	30
" special service	50

MRS. DANIEL SMITH, *Superintendent.*

THE McCRUM NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR SLAVONIC YOUNG WOMEN.

64 Beeson Street, Uniontown, Pa.

In Uniontown, Pa., a Home had been secured and fitted up in the interest of Mission work for foreigners in the extensive Connellsville coke region, of which Uniontown is the center.

At the annual meeting at Los Angeles in October, 1909, this Home was adopted by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, henceforth to be known as the "McCrum National Training School for Slavonic Young Women."

Because of a pledge, already agreed upon by the managers of the Society to assume no financial responsibility for new work until the debt already incurred be discharged, there was no appropriation pledged.

But a local committee of nine women were elected to look after the work with instruction to do what they could.

The first meeting of the local committee was called by the chairman at her home in Uniontown, February 15, 1910, when an oganization was effected, officers elected, etc. Miss Elizabeth Davis, a graduate of Indiana State Normal, later graduate from the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School, and since studied the Bohemian language, and last, but not least, one who tarries long in the secret place, whereby she is richly endued with the one thing needful for a spiritual teacher, was elected to do preliminary work preparatory to opening school September 15, 1910.

Having in hand no finance, and none pledged, at once the committee proceeded to finance the work for this year, with the result there has been paid into the treasury direct by members of the committee $1,150, in addition to which Mrs. T. F. Pershing, wife of Dr. T. F. Pershing, of the Pittsburg Conference, and member of the local committee, has given $5,000

in memory of her deceased daughter, Marie, to be known as the "Marie Greenland Endowment Fund for the McCrum National Training School." We have received from outside sources $410, making a total of $1,560, exclusive of the endowment. Later it was decided to build a very greatly needed addition to the house; and the most convenient season to do this work was before the appointed time to open school, accordingly plans were drawn for a kitchen, pantry, laundry, additional bath-room, and two bed-rooms. This is completed, the old house newly painted and several rooms papered.

We are indebted to Mr. T. S. Lackey for voluntarily superintending the work, and lending his influence, which was very valuable.

As formerly announced, school opened September 15, 1910, with Miss Elizabeth Davis as teacher and four young women as students—one Bohemian, two Slovacs, and one Polish. Here we were brought face to face with the necessity of another worker, one who could act as matron, teach domestic science, sewing, etc., and possess all the requisites of an exemplary character. These requirements were fully met in the person of Miss Annie McDiffett, who at that time had just entered upon a nine months' term where she was employed in the public schools in Connellsville, Pa., as a teacher where she had been teaching for ten years.

Miss McDiffett for some time had been conscious of a call to missionary work. Without being solicited she tendered her service, and shall I add, at only a little more than half the salary she was receiving in the public school where she was teaching. Her offer was accepted, and she at once sent in her resignation to take effect at the close of the month, and October 1st entered upon her new duties. We feel highly favored in being able to secure such efficient workers, and are now looking forward with the hope that the National Training School for Slavonic Young Women will eventually be a factor in solving the perplexing problem of Christianizing and Americanizing the foreign element.

Mary Brehovsky, a missionary working under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Pittsburg Conference, has her residence in the Home. Her work is to do house to house visiting, ministering to the sick and suffering, etc. In the evening she joins the resident Faculty, where the latch string is out six nights in the week, and a cordial welcome is extended to all foreign girls, many of whom are employed in neighboring homes.

Two evening sewing classes are taught, another a Bible class, while a class in English is given two evenings, and one evening is set aside for devotional service. In all the meetings there are some devotional exercises, such as singing, prayer, etc., and the spiritual influence which pervades the Home is a benediction to all who come under its influence. The worship is usually conducted in the foreign tongue that the students may be proficient in speaking and praying in their mother tongue, whereby they can the better impart the message of salvation to those not understanding English. Each student is required one-half day each week to do practical mission work among the foreign-speaking people in our midst, where the fields are white for the harvest. On the Sabbath our girls assist in four Sabbath schools for foreign children, all easy of access to the Training School. Some of our needs are more students, household supplies, student aid, teachers' salary, etc.

The stranger is within our gates, famishing for spiritual food, "while the Church's ailment is fullness of bread." May we surely give to him that the promise may be verified to us, "The stranger which is within thy gates shall come and eat and be satisfied; that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest."

Mrs. R. S. McCrum, *Chairman of Committee.*

DEPARTMENT OF DEACONESS WORK.

Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft, *General Superintendent of Deaconess Work,*
21 Adams Ave., East, Detroit, Mich.

The Modern Deaconess movement has been one of gradual development. First, in 1836, Theodore Fliedner began among the German Lutherans a work whose success has been marvelous. Second, in 1864, under the guidance of Rev. William Pennefather was begun the celebrated Mildmay Deaconess Work in North London. Third, in 1874, it was successfully undertaken among the Methodists in Germany under the leadership of Rev. G. Weiss in Bremen.

Methodists from America became familiar with these institutions, and our Church press pleaded their value. Among those who advocated the cause was our loved missionary, Bishop J. M. Thoburn, who, at an Annual Conference held in Bellefontaine, Ohio, in 1886, urged its adoption into American Methodism. In October, 1887, Mrs. R. S. Rust, in her Annual Address, commended the work of women as Deaconesses. The General Conference of 1888 endorsed the Deaconess Movement. At its next Annual Meeting in October of this same year this work became a legitimate part of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The leaders of this form of Deaconess Administration were fortunate in at once becoming a distinct department of one of the already organized official benevolences of our Church. For thirty years this great Society has been, for thousands, a school for the advancement of civilization, a practical teacher in sociological and Christian principles—the bases upon which all Deaconess work must rest.

A series of fortunate circumstances led naturally to the introduction of Deaconess work into the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Early in the fall of 1886, while pursuing her studies in the University of Zurich, Switzerland, Miss Jane Bancroft became greatly interested in the Deaconess work of German Methodism, and wrote of it to Mrs. Dr. Rust. In her reply, Mrs. Rust urged Miss Bancroft to make a broad and careful study of this service with a view of changing the city missions of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of our Church into Deaconess institutions. During her two years' stay in Europe, 1886-1888, Miss Bancroft familiarized herself with the Deaconess work of Germany, France, Great Britain, and other countries, giving particular attention to that of Mildmay in North London.

Returning to America, she attended the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society held in Boston, November, 1888. At this meeting the Society appointed a Standing Committee on Deaconess Work, which was at once organized with Miss Bancroft as chairman. At the next Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, 1889, the Deaconess Committee was enlarged and organized into a Deaconess Bureau, with Miss Bancroft, now Mrs. George O. Robinson, as its Secretary. This position she held until 1904, when growth again demanded a reorganization, and the one Deaconess Bureau became five distinct Bureaus, with an added Standing Committee on National Training Schools. These Bureaus with this standing committee were organized, with their General Superintendent, into the "Deaconess Department of the Woman's Home Missionary Society," which to-day embraces about one-third of the Deaconess work of entire Methodism.

The Deaconess work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized under a Committee of Deaconess Work in Boston, 1888. It

was expanded into a Deaconess Bureau in Indianapolis, 1889, and again expanded into a Deaconess Department in Denver, 1904.

From the year of the endorsement of the Deaconess work by the General Conference of 1888 until 1904 Mrs. Robinson was Secretary, first of the Deaconess Committee, later of the Deaconess Bureau of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. During these sixteen years of strenuous labor the Deaconess Bureau grew to such a magnitude as to require a division. Mrs. Robinson then asked to be relieved of these heavy responsibilities, and in consequence, upon her recommendation, from the existing work was effected the above reorganization. The results have proved the wisdom of this enlargement of administration.

Changes.

This Deaconess Department is composed of its General Superintendent, its Auditor, and seven Bureaus with their Secretaries and Committees.

The Standing Committee on National Training Schools has been changed into a Bureau, with Mrs. D. A. Minard as its Secretary.

Also, the Standing Committee on Hospitals has been organized into a Bureau, with Mrs. D. B. Street as its Secretary. These changes were made at the Annual Meeting in Buffalo in 1910.

The General Officers are: General Superintendent, Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft; Auditor, Mr. John S. McConnell; office, 21 Adams Ave., E., Detroit, Mich. Added to these are the Secretaries of the seven Deaconess Bureaus.

Enlargements.

For the enlargement of our work in the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School this Society has purchased the two houses standing between the two arms of this institution. This gives us now the entire frontage on North Capitol, between Pierce and M Streets.

At Barre, Vt., through the generosity of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, a fine new building has been erected as the home of our Italian Mission.

At Utica, N. Y., our work has received such appreciation from the Italian Conference as to cause the Italians to present to our Society a lot near their new Methodist Episcopal Church. We then bought the adjoining lot, upon both of which we are now erecting the building for our Italian Settlement work.

The Brooklyn Deaconess Home has adopted the kindergarten in the house adjoining, and this institution is now under the care of our deaconesses.

The Local Board of the Ohio Conference Deaconess Home located at Columbus, Ohio, has during the past year purchased land and has built a valuable Deaconess Home at a cost of $14,500.

The Irene Maitland Deaconess Home at New Castle, Pa., has been opened with two experienced workers, and more are desired. This Home is made possible by a bequest left for this purpose by the lady whose name the institution bears.

The Pittsburg Home has been greatly enlarged and renovated, so that it is now an ideal Home for our Deaconesses.

The Permanent Deaconess Fund has in this form of Deaconess Administration two definite uses. The first is for relief of immediate needs. The second use is for broken or aged workers. The assessments from all Deaconess institutions and stations, appropriations from Conference

Organizations of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and special gifts—these form at present the source of financial supply.

Furthermore, the organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is a great band of one hundred thousand women, and twenty thousand more of young people, this body forming one of the richest endowments conceivable. Its Deaconesses are and will be cared for.

Rest Homes.

The Society has five Rest Homes for Deaconesses and Missionaries; the Bancroft Rest Home at Ocean Grove, N. J., being the largest, is at present regarded as the Home for invalid and superannuated Deaconesses. It is open the entire year, as is also the Wing Rest Home at Huntington Beach, Cal., while the others are open for the summer months only.

THE PERMANENT DEACONESS FUND.

Miss Fannie M. Cummings, Treasurer, 21 Adams Ave., E., Detroit, Mich.

One more spoke has been set in the wheel of time, and one more year rolled into Eternity—a year filled with earnest endeavor and crowned with success, for the hearts and minds of our people have been stirred to the sacred duty of providing for the future of our noble sisters and of the poor and needy.

It requires a brave heart and a determined purpose to be dependent upon an uncertain future, and the Deaconess places her time, strength, and very being into the hands of the Church when she assumes the duties of her sacred calling.

To obviate all thoughts of what the future may hold for declining years, and thus enhance the usefulness of the Deaconess in her chosen calling, the General Conference in May, 1908, passed the following resolution:

"Each Deaconess institution shall pay into the Permanent Deaconess Fund of the Deaconess Administration with which it is connected $10 per annum for each licensed Deaconess and $5 per annum for each probationer or unlicensed worker. Each station served by a Deaconess shall pay $15 per year for each licensed Deaconess and $10 per year for each probationer or unlicensed Deaconess."

Realizing the absolute necessity of a definite date for the payment of this assessment, the General Deaconess Board in July, 1908, passed the following resolution:

"In providing for the support of retired Deaconesses the sum ordered in Sec. 5, Par. 220 of the Discipline shall be payable on or before February 1st of each year, beginning with 1908."

Hence the assessments due from each Deaconess institution and station employing Deaconess workers were due for the year 1908 February 1, 1909, and the assessments for 1909 were due February 1, 1910. It is not our desire that these payments shall be made in advance, for it is impossible for any institution or station to know just how many and what Deaconesses they will be responsible for a year ahead. Some may be added and others may be transferred elsewhere.

However, if a Deaconess worker is employed by an institution or station for the first six months of the year or longer, beginning February 1st, that institution or station should be responsible for the payment of the assessment for this Deaconess for this year.

The amount required is very small compared with the valuable service rendered by these faithful servants of the Lord. It is exceedingly small in comparison with the obligations that the Woman's Home Missionary Society has assumed. Our Homes should keep this in mind, that $10 a year paid by institutions for each licensed Deaconess in ten years amounts only to $100, and if each Home were obliged to care for its own Deaconesses, that would not support one for three months. It is only by prompt compliance with the regulations of the Church made by the General Conference and defined by the General Deaconess Board that our Society can meet its obligations in an honorable Christian way.

During the past year the work of this Department has been greatly aided by the Bureau Secretaries, and our thanks are due them for the cordial support given. Each Bureau is in good condition as far as this fund is concerned. The Homes which have not yet been able to meet these assessments expect to do so in a very short time, and we hope by the close of another year this Department will be found on a good financial basis.

This year it has been arranged that all payments on the Permanent Deaconess Fund Assessments from all institutions and stations employing Deaconesses shall be made directly to the Treasurer at the Detroit office, 21 Adams Ave., East. On December 1st blanks will be mailed to be filled out and returned to the Detroit office in order that a correct list of Deaconesses employed by each institution and station from February 1, 1910, to February 1, 1911, may be placed on file.

Then on January 1st a bill will be mailed to each Superintendent with the request that it be placed with the proper authorities for the payment of the amount due from February 1, 1910, to February 1, 1911. When this amount reaches the Detroit office the bill will be duly receipted and returned for the records of the institutions and stations paying the assessment.

It has been our earnest endeavor to place this fund upon a good, substantial business basis, and with the hearty co-operation of all concerned this can be easily done and thus save a great deal of confusion. All amounts received are reported to the National Treasurer through voucher credit. This is an honorable business proposition and should be met in a business-like way.

In closing, let me quote from a beautifully written leaflet entitled, "At Evening Time," by Mrs. Margaret Delight Moors:

"These offerings, with donations and bequests from those whom God has blessed with much of silver and gold, will provide a sum adequate for contingencies and needs. The Deaconesses are ours by ties as strong as the love of God. In their days of service it is theirs to work as well as to pray. In the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, at Quebec, white-robed sisters are always before the altar in the attitude of devotion. Does the spirit of this beautiful custom belong to the Roman Catholic Church alone? May we not be confident that those who have served long years "for the love of Christ and in His name" will always dwell in the atmosphere of the divine, holding sweet communion with God? Will the women or the work for which they have given love and labor be forgotten? O, no. Suffering endured for others, self-denial, and maturity of years, together with the knowledge and love of God, have power to quicken spiritual vision. Our deaconesses stand firm in life's hard places during their days of active service. When laid aside they should

"At our hands
Receive the fullest, tenderest service.
Love understands.

They have been strong, so full of hope and courage
'T was joy to climb.
Now, summit passed, strength spent, they are a-weary
At evening time.
Lead them, gently, O, so gently, Father,
Down life's decline,
And when our earthly help shall fail them,
Be quick with Thine."

BUREAU FOR NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS.

Mrs. D. A. Minard, *Chairman*, 618 Auburn Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
Mr. J. S. McConnell, *Auditor*.

Since giving my last report I have had the pleasure of visiting the more remote of the schools at San Francisco and Kansas City, and am greatly pleased to report my delight with the conditions I found in them. The San Francisco School was visited by many of you, and possibly you were as impressed as I to find a plant so substantial and attractive. The school is recovering from the results of the earthquake and had the largest class enrolled since that disaster. Dr. and Mrs. Willis are accomplishing a great work for the Pacific Coast.

The Kansas City School, under the admirable leadership of Miss Anna Neiderheiser and her Faculty, showed a personnel of strong and attractive young women. I am greatly interested in the practice classes in Junior League, Sunday school, and organizations of Woman's Home Missionary Auxiliaries. This school has its capacity tested severely, and because of this we are pleased to report that the Board of Trustees have approved the collection of funds toward the erecting of an administration building. A recent pledge of $5,000 and several smaller gifts assure us that in the near future this will be an accomplished fact.

I report that our Lucy Webb Hayes School in Washington, D. C., has had the largest class in its history, and that every room this year in Rust Hall (with the exception of the guest rooms) was occupied. The institution seems to have reached the period where more careful selection can be made as to the ability and character of the students received. Several students after testing have been dismissed as not being suited for missionary and deaconess work. I am longing to see only strong women entering upon our work from the training schools.

The committee appointed to secure adjoining property with the bequest of Mr. Matthew Emery decided it was for the interest of this Society to buy the buildings on North Capitol Street, between Nash Hall and the President's house, which gives an unbroken frontage on North Capitol Street from Pierce to M.

During the summer substantial and necessary improvements and repairs have been made, but the time is not far distant when we must erect another building for hospital purposes to match Rust Hall. We will then have at the Nation's Capital a group of buildings in which our Society and Methodism will have a pride. The reading room, never before properly furnished, has recently been supplied with handsome and substantial tables, books, with magazine racks, and with comfortable chairs, the expense of which was borne by the Queen Esther Circle of the Broad Street Church, Columbus, Ohio. This needed furnishing has prompted another gift of a sectional bookcase for reference books. This beautiful

reading-room is decorated by the Woman's Home Missionary Exhibit, which has its headquarters at Rust Hall. The prompt response to requests for specimens of work done in our industrial schools has been most gratifying.

The School of Practice has had a successful year. It includes a Normal school in Sunday school and Junior League methods, instruction and drill in the workings of the Missionary Society and other departments of Church work, especially among the children. Dr. Wilder is arranging to open a summer school in 1911 at Rust Hall, at which Christian workers may take training during the summer months.

We wish to express our gratitude for the loyalty of our women of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in rallying to our support when Congress threatened to allow an encroachment on our borders that would have materially injured our property and hampered our usefulness. The voices of our women, aided by the wise judgment of Dr. Wilder, "saved the day."

The McCrum Training School for Slav Girls who desire to enter missionary and deaconess work opened its year in Uniontown, Pa., on September 15th, Miss Elizabeth Davis being in charge of the school. This school, our youngest, has many friends, and already has received an endowment of $5,000.

The school for Colored Deaconesses and Missionaries has not yet materialized. We are impressed with the need of such a school and earnestly hope Mrs. Mason's heart may be cheered with its establishment before another year.

We must repeat our utterance of one year ago, "The Woman's Home Missionary Society has no more important work than the maintenance of its training schools." To every Conference Secretary we appeal for your loyal support. To every training school manager we emphasize the responsibility that rests upon you, not alone on the financial side, but also to secure young consecrated women of education and character to enter our schools and prepare for this service for the King.

May I suggest to members of Local Deaconess Boards that they seek young women within their own territory, take them into the Deaconess Home for a period of testing, then if found suitable send them to the training school nearest you, meet the expense of the training school from the Conference appropriation, and have your deaconess return to you after her graduation. If this course were pursued some Deaconess Homes would not be in such need of workers.

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The year 1909-1910 was one of its most successful years from every point of view. The attendance was as large as can be accommodated in the hall. This was after the most careful and thorough sifting of applicants, many of whom were not admitted.

The kindergarten department of the school had its most successful year, both in attendance and in the amount of work accomplished. Besides the school in Rust Hall, there were two other kindergartens under the direction of our principal. This year there will be three outside from the Rust Hall Kindergarten, which will give ample opportunity for our advanced students to have the much needed practice under the direction of the principal.

The Domestic Science School has been enlarged and the facilities of Rust Hall are most excellent. Its equipment is now ideal for the purposes of the institution.

The summer has been an exceedingly busy one at the institution. Extensive repairs have been made, and the facilities have been greatly increased. Rust Hall throughout, except the chapel and mission room, has been refrescoed and the floors newly polished, and in part furnished with new rugs and furniture. It is now more beautiful than when new.

The boilers and engines of the entire plant have been made practically new. The electric wiring for lighting and the plumbing for heating have been thoroughly overhauled.

The residences 1142 and 1144 on North Capitol Street, which were purchased last spring, have been put in good order. The former, which is next to "Nash Hall," is used for hospital purposes, while the latter, which is contiguous to the residence of the President, is being used to accommodate guests. Now our friends who have occasion to visit Washington can readily find most excellent accommodations at very moderate rates. We expect them to call on us.

The annual report for the school year 1909-1910 makes a most excellent showing. The total receipts for the year were $54,522.37; the total expenses on account of the year, $54,027.70; leaving a balance in the treasury after paying all the expenses of $494.67. Of this balance $460.76 is to the credit of Sibley Hospital, while $33.91 is to the credit of Rust Hall. These figures include the expenditure of something more than three thousand dollars ($3,000) on repairs.

Sibley Memorial Hospital has just had turned into its treasury five thousand dollars ($5,000), bequeathed to the hospital by the late Matthew G. Emery. The hospital has been as prosperous as at any time past, and fully as efficient.

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Kansas City, with its crowded factory districts, its foreign sections, its slum conditions in "the bottoms," its rapid growth and rapidly shifting centers of population, furnishes opportunities second to none for training in Christian service. Its railroad facilities make it easily accessible from all parts of the country.

During the past year the spiritual life of the school has been especially marked in intensity and power. February 8th is a day never to be forgotten by those who were privileged to witness a truly wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit which came in answer to fervent, believing, persevering prayer. To watch the deepening and unfolding of the spiritual life of the students has been a constant joy and inspiration.

Our course of study is being strengthened and new features added as the needs of the work demand, and is in the hands of strong men and women.

The success of our graduates gives us joy. They are doing acceptable work in seventeen States and three foreign countries.

The Annual Commencement was a season of unusual interest and was participated in by Kansas City Methodism and many other friends. Bishop John L. Nuelsen, D. D., gave the address, which was full of power and inspiration. Sixteen young women were graduated and thirteen consecrated as Deaconesses.

Immediately after Commencement sixty-three licensed deaconesses and probationers met for the Fourth Annual Session of the Deaconess

Conference of the Western Deaconess Bureau. The reports and discussions were helpful and interesting, and showed a large and fruitful ministry in the Master's name.

When Fisk Hall was erected in 1904 the most enthusiastic friends of the school thought that abundant room had been provided for many years, but in three years it was full to overflowing and a small second building was found to be necessary. This gave temporary relief, but again we are crowded for room. The building of the main or Administration Building can be delayed no longer without injury to the work.

Early in the year the Junior Class proved their faith and loyalty by a pledge of $150 for the naming and furnishing of the first room in the new building. Several other unsolicited pledges have come for a like purpose. The Board of Trustees at their April meeting granted permission for the commencement of the enterprise as soon as there should be the money in hand for this undertaking. We are now engaged in an active campaign with this end in view, and hope to see the foundation laid before the close of the year.

The Alumnæ Association have done well during the year on their pledge of $2,000 for an endowed scholarship.

Our paper, *The Kansas City Deaconess*, has gone forth monthly during the year, scattering news of our work and workers and arousing interest in our training school and the deaconess work in this part of our land. That it continues to meet with the hearty approval is shown by its growing subscription list.

Our future is as "Bright as the promises of God." We are undertaking large things in His name. We ask for the prayers and earnest co-operation of all who are vitally interested in the spread of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

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129 Haight Street, San Francisco, Cal.

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Not far from my office stands the United States Mint, where great masses of gold and silver bullion are converted into the coin of the realm. Each "brick" must pass through the furnace and then through the massive rollers in order to remove the impurities and put it in shape for the coining process, and thus fit it for a medium of National commercial life.

Our training school is in some respects like a mint. We take the crude, and sometimes the raw material, lacking in knowledge, training, purpose, and inspiration, and by the subtle influences of patient study and by the contact of mind with mind, spirit with spirit, marvelous changes are effected, and the student of yesterday, timid and weak, uncultured and inefficient, becomes the strong, confident, intelligent, and trained deaconess, with an outlook and an uplook that fills the life with inspiration and equips it with joyful and helpful service. The mass of ore in the mine has become the pure, shining coin, ready to go anywhere with power to bless.

The joy of having a larger number of students this past year than ever before has been ours, and we without hesitation pronounce the past year the best of all in our history. If all the people who were ministered unto—the poor, the sick, the sorrowing, the precious children—if all these could give their testimony, it would require volumes to contain the record. We have a mere outline. God knows it in detail.

Our corps of teachers were able and faithful, and their word to the students was, "Well done." The work carried forward by deaconesses and students in this field has made for a better and purer Church, and a better and purer city.

Our splendid graduating class of ten, and the papers presented by its members, called forth many congratulations from a large number of friends of our institution. The outlook is full of promise.

DEACONESS BUREAUS.

EASTERN DEACONESS BUREAU.

Mrs. W. L. Boswell, *Secretary,*
644 N. Thirty-second Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The year has been one of advance, marked by the strengthening of the work in general.

More and more are efforts being made to reach the foreigners of our industrial centers through the children and boys and girls.

In all the Homes the duties and opportunities of the deaconesses have

broadened into manifold forms of social service only limited by the means at command.

Christian settlement work in its many phases occupies the time and strength of a growing number.

Parish and nurse deaconesses steadfastly serve as unto God—and in His name.

In evangelistic service one deaconess has been honored by God in the salvation of hundreds of souls.

In a number of cities the deaconesses serving as "Travelers' Aid" have been of untold blessing to thousands of travelers and especially to the young and unprotected girls, who in many cases as a result now hold membership in city Churches.

A completely equipped dispensary with a resident physician in connection with one Home is the pivot for consecrated service, not only of a nurse deaconess, but also for other forms of helpfulness that become the valuable "by-products" in the effort for the uplift of humanity.

The local organs published at Portland, Maine, and Baltimore and Philadelphia spread information and create an inspiration for this work.

The assessments for the Permanent Deaconess Fund are being met either by the Deaconess Home Boards or, as in some cases, by the Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The deaconesses stationed at Barre, Vt., Utica, N. Y., and Hazleton, Pa., have faithfully served, and their longings for enlarged opportunities with facilities for growth are about to be realized, and are looking forward to brighter prospects and increased usefulness.

The others, stationed also in places of need, see the fruit of their faithfulness in the changed atmosphere of the community, and may take heart and go forward indeed, being strong and of good courage.

We thank God for the doors that have been opened and for the privilege of entering and sharing in the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

Baltimore Deaconess Home.

1301-1303 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

MRS. H. D. EVANS, *Superintendent.*

The establishment of deaconess work in our city eighteen years ago has been blessed by Him in whose name it has been carried forward. Ten of our twelve licensed deaconesses live in the Home and serve as pastors' assistants or are engaged in various forms of industrial work. One is Superintendent of the Methodist Home for the Aged in the city, and another, living with her parents, works among the Italians. Several of the workers come in close touch with Bohemians, Poles, and Russian Jews.

A large number of children and young people were taught in our industrial schools and clubs during the year. We have three kindergartens, six sewing schools, two girls' guilds, a boys' manual training class, and three mothers' meetings. Several deaconesses have charge of Mission Study Classes, Queen Esther Circles, Junior Leagues, Probationers' Classes, and the supervision of the Primary Department of the Sunday school. Four have given a week's service each at one of the Fresh Air Farms, and others have had children's and girls' services at camp and tent-meetings.

There have been many more calls for workers than we have been able to supply. The recent purchase of the adjoining house comes as a providential means of meeting the increased demands of the work. Its ample space makes possible a large family for the furtherance of this work. May God send reapers for this waiting harvest.

We have been publishing a little monthly paper, *The Baltimore Deaconess*, of which Mrs. Evans is editor, and which is devoted to the interests of the Baltimore Home.

Brooklyn Deaconess Home.

238 President St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Priscilla Foster, *Superintendent.*
Reported by Mrs. Luella Umlauf, *Acting Superintendent.*

"Only one life, 't will soon be past,
Only what 's done for Jesus will last."

The Superintendent is at present away on a six months' leave of absence on account of ill-health. The work is in a fairly prosperous condition. The record of this year's work is before the Master. Have we measured up to the full extent of our responsibility in the wisest ways and to the fullest possible extent? The decisive answer can only come on the final day, when the books are opened. We can be sure His indictments will reveal careful bookkeeping. The ultimate good done will be made known in the presence of an assembled world.

And now we return gratitude to our Father for His patience, love, and favor, and to all who have contributed or helped in the promotion of His glory in this Home we render profound thanks.

Dwight W. Blakeslee Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School.

576 George Street, New Haven, Conn.

Miss Jessie E. Arbuckle, *Superintendent.*

In the year now past we have striven to march forward, doing our best under existing conditions. The family numbers six—four licensed deaconesses and two students.

Six Churches have each felt the impetus of a worker with them. The Training School has been exceedingly rich in its lecture courses, through the couresy of Yale University. The Italian Mission continues to grow and prosper, with a corps of excellent volunteer workers assisting us.

Systematic hospital visitation is found to be of increasing comfort and consolation to hundreds of people who are handicapped in their struggle with life. Our vision for the work in this city includes jail visitation to those degraded in morals.

The year has gone, and again are we led to know the truth of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's words, when she says:

"Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense
Of service which thou renderest."

E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home.

3 Columbia Place, Eagle Street, Albany, N. Y.

Miss Mary E. Whitehead, *Superintendent.*

The eleven workers connected with the Open-Door Mission and E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home have been in labors abundant during the past year. Four parish deaconesses have rendered valuable and efficient service; the Travelers' Aid has been a blessing to many in the Union Station.

The Settlement Work, at 85 Dallins Street, has enlarged greatly. Two workers have conducted sewing and kitchengarden classes, boys' and girls' clubs, and a flourishing Sunday school. Our hope of last year has been realized in the Day Nursery. This has meant much to the mothers of the neighborhood who are obliged to support their families and have no other way to care for their little ones during their absence. Two deaconesses have cared for the nursery, also calling in the homes of the children. The little ones are taken for a day's outing nearly every week.

Like many others, we are embarrassed by the many open doors which we can not enter for lack of money and workers. We pray that these may be forthcoming in the future, to care for the field which is already white to harvest and to which God has called us.

We are very grateful to the many friends who have stood by the work throughout the year.

Jersey City Deaconess Home.

246 Summit Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

Miss Anna C. Beale, *Superintendent.*

God has again blessed the earnest efforts of the devoted and faithful workers of the Jersey City Deaconess Home, which has resulted in many lines of activity. A goodly number of poor people have been sent into the country for fresh air, shut-ins have been visited, over twelve thousand calls made. An interesting work is being carried on in the Industrial School; children are gathered for the Sunday school and Cradle Roll, also members secured for the Home Department.

The deaconess in charge of the Italian work in Paterson writes that the Church membership has almost doubled, a Junior League organized, Sunday evening twilight services have been conducted, while in January a week of special meetings were held, assisted by Rev. Dr. T. K. Wright, of Pittsburg, Superintendent of the Italian work east of the Mississippi.

The Evangelistic Union and Board of Managers also are working to make the Deaconess Home a beautiful and attractive abiding place for their workers. For all of these blessings we would render deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father.

Maine Conference Deaconess Home.

130 Federal St., Portland, Maine.

Miss A. Maude King, *Superintendent.*

The Maine Conference Deaconess Home is closing its eighth year's service.

Our workers number six, and our field is the entire Conference. The lines of work carried on during the past year have been numerous and varied.

Industrial classes among the Italian children of the city have been conducted and 284 children have been taught. A very successful Mothers' Club of thirty-eight members has been carried on with much interest and profit. Jail services have been held, and work among the released female convicts, such as securing employment and implanting in the heart a desire to redeem the past, has been accomplished. Traveler's Aid work has been one of the branches of work, as some trans-Atlantic steamers make this their winter port. The women, girls, and children have been our special care. A temporary shelter for girls has been maintained during the year, where twenty-nine girls have been sheltered, cared for, and homes or employment found for them.

A Fresh Air Camp was conducted by the deaconesses, where last summer eighty-five children and mothers were given an outing. One of our workers is a very successful evangelist. During the past six months she has served seven Churches throughout the Conference, and 267 persons have been brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and added to our Church membership. The *Maine Deaconess* has been published monthly, with a circulation of one thousand copies, thus spreading information and inspiration through the Conference. God is abundantly blessing our efforts, and our hearts are glad.

Newark Conference Deaconess Home.

219 Fairmount Avenue, Newark, N. J.

Mrs. C. W. Horton, *Superintendent.*

The report for Newark Home is one of progress. In deaconess work there is no standing still.

"This one thing we learn to know
Each day more surely as we go,
That doors are opened, ways are made,
Burdens are lifted or are laid
By some great hand unseen and still."

One burden was lightened when a check for $50 was given us to take some of our little ones out into the country, and we are hoping this may prove the nucleus of a permanent fresh-air fund.

We have this year two new workers in the field, while Miss Hayward, serving one of the down-town Churches, is giving full proof of her ability and devotion to the work. The Junior League for the year has been most successful, and Miss Chatterson has organized and carried on a League with success. In one Church, where there is no Woman's Home Missionary Society, the deaconess introduced mite-boxes and instilled into the minds of the children the true Home Mission spirit.

The work in the Italian field shows an average attendance in the school of 102. We have a boys' club, and a cooking class where the Italian girls struggle with the mysteries of American cooking. The Christmas work done by the girls in the Home, in the absence of the Superintendent, was far-reaching in its influence, as eighty little waifs were brought in and made happy with a tree laden with the gifts of generous friends.

Philadelphia Deaconess Home.

609-613 Vine Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Bertha Fowler, *Superintendent.*
Miss Winetta Stacks, *Assistant Superintendent.*

Eleven deaconesses, one probationer, five missionaries, and a resident physician have the past year composed the family of Philadelphia Deaconess Home.

Eight Churches have been served by seven deaconesses; parish interests having received careful attention from the seven.

The Immigrant Work is steadily on the increase, and this year, through our two ports of entry, 37,245 immigrants have landed. The time of one deaconess is given to meeting these foreign people, ministering to their needs, distributing Bibles, papers, clothing, toys, and plying between the Detention Home and City Hospital; in general, being a friend to the friendless.

The Social Service Department, to which another deaconess devotes her time and attention. All reported cases and applications for help anywhere in the city are here given and are visited and aided according to the needs and our ability to relieve. Close relation is maintained with the charity and benevolent institutions of the city. working with them when necessary. A record of each case is made and filed.

The Settlement Work has been marked by unusual success. Two deaconesses, three missionaries, and a splendid company of volunteers have here applied themselves most earnestly. The added building of last year, dedicated in September, was opened in October. The office in this building was furnished through the generosity of friends and Queen Esther Circles.

The Domestic Science kitchen is now in the new building and conveniently equipped with individual gas burners, and more recently with a gas range presented by still another Queen Esther Circle. The advanced class last spring graduated five of its members.

The Printing Office was also removed to the new house, and its equipment reinforced by a quantity of new type and a new 1910-model Price-Chandler foot-power press. The reading-room and library is an attractive place. Five hundred and fifty books and current literature, generously supplied by friends, are at the disposal of the readers.

"The Parlors" of the new building have exerted a wide influence. Two suites of two rooms each have been plainly but beautifully furnished for the boys and girls. From seven to nine in the evening these rooms, under supervision, have been thrown open to their patrons for reading and other social purposes. The game closet is provided with innocent but interesting amusement. Thus the streets have been robbed of many a boy and girl, and questionable amusement places of their small coins.

The Medical Department was introduced a year ago. Its dispensary has been the center of interest for young and old. The equipment is unequaled by any dispensary of its size in the city. A resident physician was added to our family in January, and her ministrations carried her into homes of the neighborhood and to the parishes of the deaconesses; she also aided in mothers' meetings with timely medical talks and suggestions. From the date of its opening, in November, to the present there have been over 1,300 clinic calls and more than 130 house calls. Many sick have been cared for in their own homes and several sent to hospitals for minor operations. A trained nurse deaconess is soon to be added to this department.

The Kindergarten has had an increased regular attendance and has enjoyed large success. Invaluable aid is here given little people who are the innocent victims of family incompetency.

The Mothers' Meetings, more largely attended, were a source of pride. These women illustrate the widening influence of the home and give larger opportunity of helpfulness in their own homes.

A Fathers' Meeting is in anticipation. As a nucleus for such, a men's Bible study class has met regularly all summer and gives promise of larger growth.

The Educational Sewing School and Dressmaking Class have a companion in the embroidery class opened last fall. Beautiful pieces of hand work were on exhibition in the spring. The Sloyd Classes for boys have done most commendable work. The Gymnasium Classes have long outgrown their room, but in spite of their narrow quarters have produced beneficial results. The Boys' Club held interesting meetings each Friday evening, with an occasional lecture, party, or entertainment. The Girls' Club was organized last fall, meeting on Friday evenings. The first hour was given to Bible study, from which they derived their name, "Berean

Chums," and the second hour has been spent in various ways as the girls determined. Lectures and parties were enjoyed during the season. The third Friday evening of each month the same girls met as a Queen Esther Circle and always presented a missionary program. They paid their dues and contingent fund regularly, did a little supply work, and in the spring, during the annual exhibition of the Home, held a bazaar, from which they realized $40. This has been appropriated to Home Missionary work.

The Junior League and Sunday School are large spiritual forces. Nine were graduated from the different departments of the League. A Men's Bible Class has been added to the Sunday school. Besides getting good instruction they have been an inspiration to the younger members. The Bible continues to be the text-book of the school, every reading member having either a Bible or a Testament for personal use. The Easter offering for Missions was $23.60, and the contents of a birthday bank netted $10, which was appropriated to the dispensary. At the close of the work in May a midweek prayer-meeting was opened, and continued each Wednesday evening during the summer, with a good attendance.

The Outing Work has been more extensive and very satisfactory. Large group picnics during July were given the different classes and departments. Outings by the day and week included trips to the country and the seashore with good, healthful results. Holidays and special occasions have been appropriately observed. Our stereopticon lantern has done splendid service. *The Philadelphia Deaconess,* with a circulation of one thousand copies, has had a wide mission.

The interest of Auxiliaries, Circle, and Bands has not abated, and the hearty support of these organizations and friends has been an incentive to better work. The new year is opening with promise, for this is surely God's work, and He will care for His own.

Stone Settlement Home.

Center Street, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Miss Elizabeth Hondrick, *Superintendent.*

The year closing June. 1910, marks another milestone along the progressive way of the Stone Settlement Home. The true idea of helping others to help themselves has been ably taught by our two deaconesses in charge—Miss Elizabeth Hondrick, Superintendent, and her assistant, Miss Katherine Wheatley. This has been especially needful in our work among the mountain whites, who are willing to be pauperized through gifts.

The basket-weaving, sewing, and cooking clubs are turning out better products, more carefully finished. Many children have been cared for in the Day Nursery, and two waifs housed until homes have been found for them. The Home has also been the refuge of several poor sick ones, recuperating after operations performed in the charity wards of the hospitals. A night school, well attended by the children employed in our factories, was carried on six nights of every week last winter.

Since the installation of the new graded work more interest has been aroused and more progress noted in our Sunday school. The weekly prayer-meeting, conducted by the deaconesses or any Christian they might interest in the work, has developed into a live Christian Endeavor of thirty-eight members, most of whom are the people among whom we have been laboring these four years.

The home-life of our deaconesses is an inspiration to those women who dwell in hovels about us. In many ways, all His own, God is using His faithful workers.

Washington Deaconess Home.

917 O Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Miss Harriet Rice, *Superintendent.*

This year has brought changes in the work. The late Superintendent of the Home, Miss Maud Severance, after a few months of earnest service was called away by the sudden death of her father, and for the present at least must remain with her loved ones.

Miss Jean M. Paterson, who for more than seven years has given beautiful service as parish deaconess at Foundry Church, has married and moved to a distant city. Also our faithful helper at Rosedale Settlement, Miss Margaret Runyan, has married and gone to China. Both of these young women wedded ministers, and will be valuable helpers in their new homes. Another has left to engage in service elsewhere.

Miss Mary A. Knapp and Miss Edith Smith have been most successful in their work at Gorsuch and Wesley Churches, bringing many children into these Sunday schools.

The work at Rosedale Settlement, under the able direction of Miss Hattie E. Worthington, is still carrying forward its many lines of work.

The Travelers' Aid at Union Station has become one of the strongest and most useful phases of deaconess work in this city. Miss Ida E. Miner is in charge and has had as her assistants during the summer two of the students from Rust Hall. These workers have met thousands of travelers and cared for many unprotected girls. They have been a comfort and help to weary, worn travelers. The coming of hundreds of young women into the Census Office in our city has been an open door. Some of them, through the invitation of the deaconesses, are to-day members of our city Churches and engaged in the Master's service here.

Wilmington Conference Deaconess Home.

841 Tatnall Street, Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. A. P. Sweet, *Superintendent.*

We have just passed the third milestone in the history of our Deaconess Home, and as we glance backward over the past year's work we feel that the Lord has blessed us in our labors and that we have made advances in the work for the Master.

The work of Miss Cartez K. Swartz, Field Secretary from the Washington Training School, has resulted in awakened enthusiasm and larger support for the Home.

During the past year two buildings have been secured in different sections of the city, where the deaconesses carry on industrial work. Here the little ones are taught in kindergarten and with the older ones brought into the Sunday school.

We are fortunate in having in the Home a nurse deaconess, Miss Helen A. Jones, who had been in the National Training School at Washington, D. C. Her presence among us has been a blessing. As she ministers to the bodies of those in need she touches also the inner life. In sickness and in death she has proved herself a blessing and benediction.

Miss Mary E. Gould, Superintendent of the Home since its establishment, resigned in order that she might devote all her time to her one field of work. Mrs. Sweet, who takes her place, entered upon her duties in July, and we are confident that her work among us will be of much value and that she will be greatly blessed of the Master.

Deaconess Stations.

Barre, Vt.

15 French Street.

Mrs. Alice C. Curtis, *Deaconess.*

We are very happy in the development of our Italian work in Barre. Our hearts sank when, nearing the close of last year, we learned that our deaconess had "undertaken a school of individual instruction," but God was good to us and in her place sent another deaconess of large experience, who is taking hold of the work in earnest and will help it forward.

We are greatly indebted to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for their contribution of $1,200 for the building for our Italian Mission, into which are gathered the Italian children under the instruction of the deaconess. She also visits the people in their homes and in every way aids them to a better and purer life.

The fact that we have now a home for the Mission gives to the work a greater permanency and the people feel that it is their own. We feel that we must win this band of Italians, Catholic by birth, but Atheist in fact. They have come to America for a larger life. The old Church of Italy can no longer dominate them, but we are anxious that they shall not lose faith in the Church of Christ, and that through the agency of this Italian Mission they may be saved for truth and honor and a noble grade of American citizenship.

Binghamton, N. Y.

14 Dickinson Street.

Miss Grace Clark, *Deaconess.*

During the year Miss Grace Clark, our loved and faithful deaconess, has organized a Home Guard and Mothers' Jewels Society, the last having a fully-paid-up membership of seventeen. She also continues systematic visiting at the jail. Together with the District President she has organized another Auxiliary and has visited nearly all the Auxiliaries on the district.

The ministers and other Christian workers in Downsville and vicinity have united with the deaconess in work among the needy ones, and the prayer-meetings are still held weekly. Last winter there was a gracious revival, and many testify to the changed atmosphere of the community during the past two years.

The boundaries of the Binghamton District have been enlarged by the last session of the Wyoming Conference, and we believe this will mean added opportunities for work. And now, as we wait on God, we are ready to go forward at the word of the Great Commander.

Troy Conference Deaconess Station, Burlington, Vt.

98 South Winooski Street.

Miss Ida J. Mitchell, *Deaconess.*

The work in Burlington, Vt., is constantly growing in interest and scope. One of the special features of the work here is the leadership by the deaconess of an organized Bible class of young women numbering

about seventy-five. Its members filled several Christmas baskets with necessary and useful articles and gave them to the sick and shut-in.

The nurses in one of our hospitals were remembered. Money was given to secure the services of a nurse for a sick child, and flowers, postal showers, and other messages of cheer have been sent to the sick.

Both work and worker are treated with such kind consideration that daily labor becomes not a task, but a blessed opportunity to reach those for whom our Savior lived and died, and for whom He yet pleads.

Central Pennsylvania Deaconess Work in Stations, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Miss Adda May Trout, *Deaconess.*

1912 Pine Avenue.

To go into detail regarding the work of pastor's assistant during the past year would be impossible. Among the many duties have been: calling upon the sick, shut-in, the stranger, and others; providing food, fuel, clothing, and employment for the needy; caring for the fretful child while the mother enjoyed the Church service; acting as assistant superintendent in the Sunday school and teaching a large class of men; on two occasions filling the pulpit during the pastor's absence or illness; teaching a Bible class in "Personal Work" and a Mission Study class at an Epworth League Institute; addressing the Epworth League District Conventions and other similar meetings, and keeping in close touch with all lines of work in the Church. These are some of the methods by which I have sought to be "made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some."

Miss Sadie Sheffer, *Deaconess.*

1409 Eighth Avenue.

The kindergarten for the Italians of our city has had the largest enrollment during the past year of any in the history of the work. Both Italian Sunday schools, also the sewing classes and the Junior League have grown in numbers and interest; also the Cradle Roll and Mothers' Jewels Band, which numbers twenty at the present time.

The open-air services held Sunday evenings during the summer months have resulted in much good. In addition to the work of meeting all the classes and visiting in the homes, I have gone to the hospital clinic with many sick ones, have distributed clothing, papers, and cards, and in general have endeavored to be a friend to all, and to be ready for all emergencies.

We need your prayers that God's Spirit may touch the hearts of the hosts of Italian people in our city.

Hazelton, Pa.

29 West Maple Street.

Miss Emma Trescott, *Deaconess.*

The work of the Anthracite Mission has gone steadily forward, with Rev. V. J. Lowzecky, the faithful Superintendent. A small church for foreigners has been erected at Berwick, and good work is being done by Rev. Francis Mika, assisted by the deaconess and the local Woman's Home Missionary Society.

At Andenried (formerly known as Beaver Brook) the work of Miss Helen Baldwin is bearing fruit. Fifty girls attend sewing and cooking classes, and fifty children are in Sunday school. Eight nationalities are here represented. Better equipment is greatly needed.

In Hazelton the work is continued by Miss Trescott, assisted by Miss Susan Duchan, a Slovak young woman. There are two sewing classes here, and another at Hollywood. These, with two English classes and the necessary attendance at the regular services, engage much time, while many hours are spent in caring for the poor and needy families and in the homes of the people. Fifty girls in all classes have completed the course in sewing, several having nearly finished the Senior course and are developing in Christian character. The Cradle Roll numbers thirty-five.

A Bohemian student in the English classes, who has been in America only twenty-two months, was converted and this fall entered the high school to prepare for college and later for missionary work. A Slovak young woman graduated with honors from Dickinson Seminary in June, taking a prize for delivering the best oration at Commencement. She has entered the National Training School at Washington for kindergarten training. One young man graduated from Mt. Hermon and entered Dickinson College, while another is at Dickinson Seminary and two at Wyoming Seminary for their second year.

Property has been purchased, part of which will be used for a church building, while another part is occupied by two double dwellings. One of these will be utilized as a home for the two deaconesses, while industrial work will be carried on in the other half. The other house will be occupied by the Superintendent of the Mission and used as a boarding-house for foreign young men. New arrivals from Europe will occupy one-half of this house. It is hoped these buildings will be ready by December 1st.

Mt. Carmel, Pa.

Poplar Street.

.. Miss Elizabeth Larrish, *Deaconess.*

After five months of absence on account of illness during the early part of the year, Miss Larrish was able to return and continue her work. Five children have been provided with homes, and at present we are making arrangements to place another, a dear little baby boy, in a good home. We have now eight little ones in the Home of the Friendless at Williamsport, some of whom would be entirely neglected were it not for this provision.

During the absence of Miss Larrish the work of the Mission Sabbath school was very successfully carried on by one of the older girls, who had been trained in the school since childhood. During the long, cold winter the work went steadily on with this capable girl at its head. The school has an enrollment of one hundred, an average attendance of seventy-five—a devoted, faithful band of children, many of whom are foreigners.

The girls in the sewing school are much interested in their work, which they are learning to do well. One of the merchants of the town donated eighty-five yards of new material, which is being used for the making of useful articles. There is much poverty here, and it is often difficult to distinguish between the worthy poor and professional paupers; but as far as possible the effort is made to teach self-respect and independence.

St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Miss Ida L. Kahlo and Miss Rose Santee, *Deaconesses.*

The work of Miss Kahlo filled the past year, when she was called to the superintendency of the new Deaconess Home at New Castle, Pa. During her stay in St. Johnsbury she was a great comfort to many of the unfortunates, visiting the sick and sorrowing, caring for the strangers, gathering children into the Sabbath school, the fathers and mothers into the Church, and doing large things for God and humanity.

Early in the summer Miss Santee entered upon the work as field deaconess, spending a short time in one parish and then in another, helping the pastors and trying to lift the burdens not only from his shoulders, but from sorrowing and suffering ones. Despite the fact that nature has done much for this section of Vermont, humanity is the same here as elsewhere and needs the same care and leading in order that life may be purer and stronger.

Utica Italian Mission Settlement.

139 Elizabeth Street, Utica, N. Y.

Miss Hattie E. Davis and Mrs. Ella Orme, *Deaconesses.*

Seventy-eight children were enrolled during the year in kindergarten under the deaconess, who won a warm place in the hearts of these little ones and under whose influence great improvement was apparent; 865 calls were made by the Superintendent, 228 hours were spent in study, 1,064 in special service. Fifty-three meetings were conducted or addressed; mothers' meetings were also held, and 601 families aided. Many garments and articles of bedding were given to the needy.

Sewing school has been held each Saturday afternoon, with an enrollment of forty-five little girls. Twenty boys came to the house for Boys' Club, the younger ones weaving mats or working in raffia, while the older ones do some work in pyrography. About seventy-five children were enrolled in Sunday school. In June this school united with that of the Italian Protestant Church on Elizabeth Street, and a little later moved to the present quarters, where we have a much larger house and more wholesome surroundings.

Mothers' meetings are held, during which the Bible is read in Italian, special music rendered, and light refreshments served by one of the Auxiliaries. These people love to have us speak to them in their own language.

The Evangelization Union gave us a lot on Mary Street and we bought another, so that the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Northern New York Conference owns a piece of property 120 by 80 feet back of the Italian church, on which a building is to be erected in the near future.

Wilkes Barre, Pa.

363 South Franklin Street.

Miss Rose E. Santee, *Deaconess.*

During the past year the work has brought a multiplicity of duties that are somewhat difficult to describe. In a large city Church, composed mostly of middle-class people, the demands upon a deaconess are as many as her abilities can supply. Calling in the homes as the needs present themselves, assisting in every service in this way or that, directing chil-

dren's and young people's work, conducting weekly Bible Study class,—these represent in outline the year's activities. Early in the spring Miss Santee was changed from this field to St. Johnsbury, Vt.

CENTRAL DEACONESS BUREAU.

4800 Broadway, S. E., Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. J. F. Mund, *Secretary.*

The past year in the Central Bureau has been one of growth and development along many lines of Deaconess endeavor. The record made is one of faithful, conscientious, and persistent labor in the paths of love and duty; for, whether her time has been given to superintending the Home, the parish work, evangelistic, travelers' aid, nursing the sick, or to teaching and training the young in the numerous classes of our varied lines of settlement work, the deaconess in every case has been true to her trust.

Settlement work is receiving more and more attention from several of our Homes.

Figures from the various reports give only a hint at the progress made during the year, yet they show that 22,143 different children received instruction in sewing, printing, cooking, calisthenics, kitchengarden, basketry, and woodcarving, no record having been made, however, of the supplementary lessons in industry and thrift, cleanliness and truthfulness, unselfishness and patriotism, and, above all, reverence for the laws of God and man, which have been faithfully inculcated into the minds of the children and which must have an immeasurable influence in their development of character.

Besides the other good works prosecuted by the Homes in Buffalo, Cleveland, Pittsburg, and Toledo, splendid service is being given the public by the Travelers' Aid deaconess in the Union Stations in each of those four cities. The work of these trained women has so commended itself to the railroad companies, to the Young Women's Christian Association, and the Associated Charities and other relief societies, that the Travelers' Aid usually finds no trouble in gaining assistance and encouragement in her work from any one of these organizations, while the policeman on station duty is generally her faithful ally in his willingness to co-operate in her labors of love. Again glancing at our figures, we find that within the last year in these four cities alone 18,700 travelers received just the help and assistance needed to smooth out their difficulties and speed them on their way, cheered and strengthened by the loving ministration of these wise, Christian women.

Our friends in Pittsburg are rejoicing over the completion of their beautiful building and prospects for enlarged service. The usual work has steadily gone forward notwithstanding some discomforts caused by the extensive alterations and additions made during the year. The nurse deaconess in this Home made an enviable record in giving 2,881 hours caring for the sick—an average of over ten hours a day for every working day in the year, allowing for her month's vacation, which we sincerely hope she took advantage of and thoroughly enjoyed. A happy surprise was given to each member of this Home early in the summer in receiving a check for $50 from one of the city bankers, to help them, as he wrote, have a restful and pleasant vacation. Would that each of our Homes might find as thoughtful and generous a friend!

The Holloway Home, under the careful and efficient leadership of Miss Isabel Leitch, shows marked growth in its many lines of effort.

Early in the year some much-needed repairs and improvements in the Home were made possible through the personal efforts of Miss Leitch and the local Auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The plans under way a year ago for a new building in Columbus have been brought to fruition, and we rejoice with our enterprising friends in that city upon the successful completion of their long-desired Home—a large, substantial brick building of three stories and basement on a lot 55 by 150 feet on South Washington Street, costing, with furnishings, $14,500. A fine porch nine feet wide extends across the front. It is a roomy, pleasant Home, well equipped with all modern conveniences and comforts. This new Home will mean much to Columbus, in the broadening of the work, to meet the larger opportunities for service.

From our hospital in Toledo come satisfactory reports of a very successful year.

The demands of our Cleveland work for larger and better-equipped buildings is growing more and more insistent, while Detroit has already made preparation for the further expansion of its varied activities in the near future by the purchase of the two adjoining residences.

Our well-conducted Buffalo Home with its many fine appliances is doing excellent work.

Aldrich Memorial Home and Training School, with its long record of achievement, has maintained, under the wise administration of Mrs. Ella Hartshorn, its high standard of education and efficiency, graduating a class of workers each year and showing a substantial growth along forward lines.

A new Home was opened recently under most favorable auspices in New Castle, Pa., Erie Conference. It is "The Irene Maitland Deaconess Home," named for the one who left a bequest for the founding of this institution, the permanent organization having been effected on August 31st of this year. Two deaconesses are now employed and prospects are bright for developing here one of the strong centers of Woman's Home Missionary Society activity.

In the monthly reports from the faithful deaconesses in stations no note of discouragement is ever discoverable, but rather an increasing love for the work and greater joy in service.

The second conference of the Central Deaconess Bureau was held in Detroit the first week in May. Every Home in the Bureau was represented, as well as several stations, forty-five workers being present. The success and enthusiasm which marked this meeting, even surpassing the first one, decided the deaconesses in voting "to make this coming together an annual occurrence within the bounds of this Bureau." The inspiration as well as practical help gained by the workers in these gatherings must prove of great value to the work at large.

Your Secretary takes this opportunity of expressing her thanks and appreciation to the Superintendents of the Home and the officers of the local boards for their many acts of kindness and help—especially for their promptness in sending in reports—and also for their always hearty and loyal co-operation.

Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School.

401 Lyon Street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

MRS. ELLA C. HARTSHORN, *Superintendent.*

The past year has been, in a sense, a transition period: a new Superintendent has been installed, the course of study has been revised, the entrance requirements have been raised, and the Training School has suf-

fered a decrease in numbers in consequence of all these things; but we look for a larger attendance next year and expect to soon regain our former numbers and continue a normal growth.

Our Training School is carefully organized and well equipped to give a thorough course of training. Our Faculty numbers among its members some of the strongest men of the city. The pastors of the city have charge of the Bible and kindred subjects; Professor Bacon, who is at the head of the History Department in the city high schools, has the historical subjects; Mr. Thorpe, our able and efficient instructor in vocal music, has given our students drills that will be very helpful to them in conducting chorus work and congregational singing besides their regular class work in singing; the domestic science work and normal instructions are under the care of the Superintendent; and we offer a strong course in sociology, with lectures by the various social workers of the city. We have added a course for nurse deaconesses which students who are graduate nurses can complete in one year, going out as graduates of the school. Altogether we feel that our students are well cared for and the training adequate and thorough.

We have had, this year, under the direction of the Home, four licensed deaconesses and one probationer, besides eight students. We have two more licensed workers, who will enter the work the first of July.

We have secured the adoption of a new financial plan, by which the Annual Conference has accepted a sum recommended by the Conference Board for the support of the Home which is apportioned with the benevolences among the charges of the Conference; and the Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has pledged five scholarships, to be paid by districts, as part of their special work.

Cleveland Deaconess Home.

1904 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Laura Morris, *Superintendent.*

The twentieth birthday of the Cleveland Deaconess Home was observed at the April meeting of its Board of Managers. The special program gave the early history, the growth, and the present condition of the work. Thirteen Churches and three missions have been served by the deaconesses during the past year. Five have been engaged in Settlement work at West Side Cottage; a Travelers' Aid has been furnished the Young Women's Christian Association for work at the Union Station.

The influence for righteousness that radiates from this West Side Cottage, as a social center in the neighborhood, is immeasurable. Poor, tired, discouraged mothers find it a place for sympathy and advice, the boys and girls a place of recreation and instruction, and the children a place of sunshine and happiness all the day long. The Day Nursery is being used as a means of bringing about better social conditions in the homes. With an enrollment of forty-eight and a daily attendance of twenty-three, the kindergarten is giving the children of the nursery systematic training and care.

The Fresh-Air work at Epworth Camp, Painesville, Ohio, thirty miles from the city, is cared for in connection with the city Epworth Leagues and is growing more and more in favor with the public. The place is splendidly equipped with everything needed for the care of thirty children at one time. There are splendid young people to-day holding positions of responsibility, who testify that their first inspiration for better things

came to them during the ten days' entertainment at Epworth Camp in its early years.

While in progress but two seasons, the work at the Mothers' Camp is no less important. This work is supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the East Ohio Conference. From seventy-five to one hundred women and little children are entertained during the summer.

As we review the work of this Home for the past twenty years, we can truly say, "Surely the Lord has been with us," and the outlook for the future was never more promising than at the present time.

Detroit Deaconess Home.

53 West Elizabeth Street, Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Margaret Delight Moors, *Superintendent.*

Some one has said that the "greatest cause in the world to-day is Missions, and that the greatest department of Missions is the evangelization of the cities." In the beautiful city of Detroit we have discovered that greater emphasis and effort should be placed on evangelistic and philanthropic work, hence the necessity for a larger number of well-trained, qualified deaconesses. Detroit is increasing in population at a marvelous rate. The complexion of our city is rapidly changing, because the types and characteristics of the newcomers are so varied. Our city Methodism is awakening to the coming crisis.

Our parish deaconesses were never more faithful and helpful. The large Central Church district has a competent worker in Miss Shirey. As much could be said of the others in their respective fields.

The Home is a beehive of activity, and its influence is felt in city and Conference. Property is kept in good repair with a view to the utilization of our new buildings in the near future.

The Conference of the Central Bureau was held in our city, and was pronounced most helpful, and again we were under obligations to Mrs. Robinson and Miss Bancroft for valuable aid rendered.

Our watchword for the coming year? We give it you:

"We are stewards of time, money, opportunity, and souls, for all of which we must give account, hence we must press upward."

Tillman Avenue Settlement.

Mrs. M. D. Moors, *Superintendent.*

Miss Mary E. Marquis, *Deaconess in Charge.*

The Tillman Avenue Settlement has recently been greatly beautified by new decorations and furnishings. This commodious building is the property of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Conference. The President, Mrs. J. W. Price, and her efficient co-workers ventured out by faith for the necessary expense for repairs, and God honored their faith. There is no debt. Good work was done at this Settlement last year despite the severe illness of several of the workers.

Fort Street Mission closed the year with most creditable results and increasing interest. Miss Blackburn and her associate, Miss Kerfoot, deserve much credit for good work accomplished.

The Ellen B. Flower Deaconess Home and Hospital.

3349 Cherry St., Toledo, Ohio.

Miss Emma Enders, *Superintendent.*

Another year crowded with duties has passed, and we can but feel that while the life has been strenuous God has given us opportunity to help His little ones. The sick have been cared for in the Hospital, and while the bodies have been healing the souls have found refreshment and strength through the love of Christ.

The garden has proved again a great source of relief, giving fresh vegetables and flowers for the sick, and making possible larger things in other lines of our activity.

Traveler's Aid work has continued, but after long and strenuous effort Miss Simonds has been obliged to rest for a time, and we are hoping that while strength is coming again to her, not only strength for the body but also for soul and spirit, that again the young girls may find in her protection and guidance, the tired traveling mothers' comfort, and the aged sent on their journey in safety and comfort.

The loyal support of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and other friends of the institution have helped greatly in making possible the good that has been accomplished.

Genesee Conference Deaconess Home.

292 Niagara St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. E. A. Turney, *Superintendent.*

The past year has as usual been one of activity. Our greatest need is more *consecrated* women for service along all missionary lines.

We were wholly unprepared for the army of boys who with quick step elbowed their way into Minard Hall when the new building was opened. However, inspiration came that in time will master the situation. The boys are still eager. The gymnasium is now equipped, wood-carving introduced, domestic science room completed. Seventy bright Italian girls are in our sewing classes.

Far beyond our expectations requests have come for admittance into our infirmary. Owing to restrictions of the State Board of Charities in Albany we were delayed in carrying forward this important work. Fifteen patients were tenderly nursed. We look forward to much larger results for the coming year.

The need of an orphanage is very apparent. Almost daily I am asked to take the children. We have sheltered seven temporarily, given one for adoption, and for nearly five years had with us an orphan girl who has this year entered the Moody Institute at Northfield. O, for money to build more homes for preventive work! Less would be needed for reformatory.

Our parish work is in all our Churches appreciated. Miss Mills, Assistant Superintendent, is engaged most of the time in presenting the work throughout the Conference.

Of our Travelers' Aid it may be said these workers are "Information Bureaus," they stand upon the "watch-tower" and are quick to see the needs of the heterogeneous mass ever moving onward. The friendly hand and cheering words seldom fail to inspire hope.

Our Father has raised for us hosts of friends, and in His own good time we shall have the desire of our hearts in seeing materialized a Methodist Hospital and Orphanage. The gold is His, His promises are ours.

Holloway Deaconess Home.

Bridgeport, Ohio.

Miss Isabel C. Leitch, *Superintendent.*

The financial depression existing in the Ohio Valley for the past few years has affected every enterprise, secular and religious. The Holloway Deaconess Home has labored under the difficulty, but we have trusted in Him "whose we are and whom we serve" and He has not failed us.

The beginning of the year our family consisted of seven licensed deaconesses and three probationers—one in a hospital taking nurse training, two in the Training School at Washington, and seven in the active work in this community. Since then one of our students at Washington failed in health and was obliged to discontinue her training. Those in the Home have given faithful and efficient service throughout the year. Seven Churches have been served, 10,915 calls have been made, in addition to many other lines of ministry.

The Industrial work grows in favor with the public, and is an important factor in our work in this Valley. Five sewing classes have been conducted weekly in connection with the parish work. At Renwood, W. Va., a place comprised wholly of manufacturing plants and their interests, we have our own organized Settlement work in a rented but well-equipped building. There are classes in sewing and garment-making, cooking, kitchengarden, gymnasium, boys' clubs, and a flourishing kindergarten. Five nationalities are represented in this work, American, German, Irish, Slavish, Italian. We are more fully convinced each day of the importance of practical Christian work with the young life of our country.

One evening in the early summer, by invitation of our Board of Management, the Official Boards of the various Churches of the community met in the Home for a business session. The work and its needs were freely discussed. Refreshments and a social hour helped to make the occasion pleasant. The result is a better understanding of our relation to each other, and we believe a sure and fuller support. Our Board of Trustees have plans for the much needed repairs and improvements of the Home to the extent of about $1,500, part of which is now on hand and the work is to begin at once. Our thanks is to "God who giveth us the victory."

New Castle Irene Maitland Deaconess Home.

148 N. Jefferson St., New Castle, Pa.

Miss Ida L. Kahlo, *Superintendent.*
Miss Jennie Anderson, *Deaconess.*

Some years ago the good lady whose name this institution bears felt so strongly the needs of deaconess service in her city that she left in her will a large bequest for founding here a Deaconess Home under the supervision and control of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

In August last a number of the National and Conference officers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society met at New Castle with the Local Board and remodeled a previously drawn constitution and perfected plans for the opening of a Home. Miss Jennie Anderson had for months faithfully served as parish deaconess, as had also others before her. But fortunately, at this juncture, a deaconess of large experience in administrative duties was secured as Superintendent, and the Home opened most auspiciously.

As this Home has been so recently established we have now little to

report except property and anticipations. But the good Heavenly Father who has so often been our strength will continue His blessings here also. We are anticipating large success for the new Home in this field so white for the harvest.

Ohio Conference Deaconess Home.

72 Washington Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

MRS. ELIZA J. ROGERS, *Superintendent.*

We realize more and more as the years go by that the great things of life are not those of which the most is said. A great deal of deaconess work is that of which we can not speak. Our workers have had another busy year in the Master's vineyard, and we can truly say that God has been with us and blessed us.

At the beginning of the year Miss Josie B. Hillman was assigned to our Home and opened up Settlement work in the southern part of our city, where most satisfactory results have been realized. Mothers' meetings, boys' and girls' clubs, and a sewing class for younger girls was organized. Plans are being made which will enable them to do greater work for the coming year.

Another of our workers has conducted a sewing class which has proved very satisfactory. The deaconesses have taught Bible and Mission study classes, Junior Leagues and classes in Sunday school. Our kindergarten has had another successful year, the children representing several different nationalities. We feel that much good has been accomplishd, many homes reached, and seed sown that we trust will bring forth an abundant harvest.

We very much appreciate the faithful efforts of our Advisory Board, who have proved untiring in securing a permanent Home for their workers. It is indeed a beautiful Home, filled with conveniences and comforts, all of which are most gratefully received by the workers as they return from their days of toil. We are praying our Heavenly Father that with these added blessings there may come a readiness and alertness for better work for Him.

Pittsburg Deaconess Home.

2000 Fifth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

MISS MARGARET BOSWELL, *Superintendent.*

We are grateful to our Father for the blessings which He has bestowed upon us. Nine deaconesses and a kindergarten associate worker have been in the Home during the year.

Miss Floy Cameron, one of our deaconesses, graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in June and began work in Trinity Mission in September. A probationer has been in training at Rust Hall. A minister's daughter, a trained nurse, has been accepted by the Board, and will enter the Home as soon as she can be accommodated.

Seven Churches and three Missions have been served, and two deaconesses have assisted 5,540 persons at Union Depot. The nurse deaconess has spent 2,886 hours caring for the sick. Our supplies, coming from the faithful sisters of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Queen Esther Circles, Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues, were valued at more than $1,000. The Churches and Sunday schools have also been very liberal. Two of our family cooked and cared for 177 children in the Fresh Air Home this last summer.

We are most grateful for the beautiful addition to our Home and the thoughtful care that has provided so bountifully for our needs. The enlargement of the house will add greatly to our comfort and make possible better work for those whom we serve. God is very good in giving us so many blessings.

Deaconess Stations.

Erie, Pennsylvania.

Miss Laura Bateman, *Deaconess.*

The longer our resident deaconess, Miss Bateman, is with us the more we wonder how we used to manage without her, so necessary has she become to our Church life. Many are telling what a blessing she has been to them in sickness, a comfort in times of sorrow and affliction. Through her efforts the stranger is made welcome and others are interested in his behalf.

Glenn Home.

641 W. Fourth St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Miss Anna Bassett, who was associated for many years with Glenn Home as deaconess, is now on the retired list, and happily located in the Home for the Aged at Circleville, Ohio.

Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. H. C. Behymer, *Training School Manager.*
1135 E. Washington St.

Miss Lottie Connor, *Deaconess.*

1050 West Twenty-seventh Street.

Most of the year has been spent in work among the Italians of our city in connection with our Italian Mission. Through the night schools, Sunday school, evangelistic services, and visiting we have tried to make every effort count for better citizenship, stronger morals, and more perfect knowledge of God.

By means of lessons in sewing, cooking, and English we have gained entrance into some of the homes. As we have sewed with the mothers, stories of life in the "old country" have knit our hearts in sympathy and understanding. We have found them responsive to pure ideals and earnest in righteousness. Their appreciation of any help in every-day life is beautiful, and as by our human friendship we have tried to lead them to their Divine Friend our own hearts have overflowed because of their joy.

Miss Anna Morris, *Deaconess.*

801 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, Ind.

While my work during the past year has consisted mostly in visitation I have also been engaged in various lines of Christian service. During the revival season I assisted at several places in our Conference, doing evangelistic singing or taking the pulpit as occasion required.

I find a Deaconess must be equal to all emergencies and be ready to fill in all gaps. Within the last three months I have conducted three funerals, the pastor being either sick or out of town. God is blessing my labors and I am encouraged to go forward in this great work to which He has called me.

Lexington, Ky.

Miss Donna E. Cooley, *Deaconess.*

Miss Cooley finds great pleasure in doing the little things for the Master from day to day in her field at Lexington. While many opportunities for doing the so-called great things may not present themselves, still she is content to render whatever service she may "for the love of Christ and in His name." A Sunday school class of boys claims her earnest attention, and a new and interesting feature of her work is a Bible class at the jail, which gives her an opportunity of touching many lives, bringing to them the message of pardon and inspiration to better living.

"Touched by a loving hand, wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more."

Erie Conference.

Miss Jennie Anderson, *Deaconess.*

It has been a blessed year. God has given me good health and many opportunities for service. July 1st found me in Mahoningtown doing the pastoral work for Rev. R. N. Merrill. After his recovery and I was no longer needed I went to New Castle, where I have served First Church. Through the kindness of the people I have been able to supply many sick and needy ones with medicine, food, fuel, and clothing. God has given me the privilege of comforting many in sickness, several of whom have passed into the Great Unknown. I have also given some service in the Sabbath school and night school at the Italian Mission.

WESTERN DEACONESS BUREAU.

2762 Charlotte Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. John W. Bush, *Secretary.*

As in the long ago humanity came seeking a sign from our Divine Master, so to-day we are constantly on the lookout for the token that denotes progress or defeat for any special work in which we are engaged, so in bringing again an annual report we feel it is simply an interpretation of the signs of the times.

Over the Western Deaconess Bureau during the past year there has been no storm of dissension, no discouraging disaster, and no ominous clouds to alarm, but over all it is bright, clear sky, with most encouraging prospects for advancement in all departments.

The hospitals of this Bureau have cared for more sick and helpless than ever before. In the very near future Keokuk and Colorado Springs expect to occupy their new buildings, by means of which their facilities for doing more and better work will be greatly increased. The Deaconess Homes are all in a flourishing condition. St. Paul is rejoicing over the purchase of a new building, and they are happy over doing most efficient

work from their own Home. Wichita has not only cared for a larger number of deaconesses than ever before, but has conducted a Training School department as well.

There has been a marked increase in the number of stationed deaconesses, but even now the demand for trained workers is far from being supplied.

The greatest need in this Bureau at present is for enlarged facilities at the Kansas City National Training School; not only the constant demand for more workers, but standing as the representative for a great and growing cause makes the demand for a new building almost imperative in this territory.

The Deaconess Conference which followed Commencement was largely attended, and the most inspiring and helpful yet held.

One of the greatest encouragements in this work is the wise counsel and faithful co-operation of loyal men and women throughout this entire section. This is the sign that

> "Bids me plant a surer foot upon the Sun-road—
> Not to idly gaze, but to cast light upon a darkling race
> To learn what life is, what we are, what God is,
> From whom all being emanates, all power proceeds—
> In whom is life for evermore."

Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Bible Training School.

1155 W. Ninth St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Miss Mae Strickler, *Superintendent.*
Mrs. A. E. Sanford, *Principal.*

Our family the past year has numbered forty-four, and it would be hard to find a happier band of Christian workers, proving the promise, "Her ways are ways of pleasantness." If you were with us in our Monday night house prayer-meeting you would say, "We are in a holy place," and with us, too, on Friday nights, our social evening, you would add, "a happy one, too."

The statistical report fails to tell the work done, the burden lifted, the unsaved won, the sick nursed, the travelers aided, and the wayward encouraged to a better life. During the past year we conducted three sewing schools, one kitchengarden class, clubs for boys and girls, mothers' meetings, and many have conducted or assisted in the Sunday night preaching service, besides working in the Sunday schools and Junior Leagues of the twenty Methodist Churches and Missions in and near our city.

At Christmas time we found we had 515 children to provide for in our Sunday schools. These, with the old people, of whom no one else would think, were all remembered. How grateful we are to those who made it possible for our deaconesses to gladden so many hearts by their gifts.

More and more we are realizing the generosity of the people of Iowa, and how they are helping us to do more each year for the Master's needy ones. Our work in Des Moines and in some of the nearby towns has been served by students. Altogether we can say it has been our best year, with bright prospects for a better one to come.

Dear people of Iowa, let us continue to ask for large things for our Home and our school in Des Moines.

Northern Minnesota Conference Deaconess Home.

216 East Fourth St., Duluth, Minn.

Mrs. Mary J. Kreidler, *Superintendent.*

The Duluth Deaconess Home has closed a successful year. Although not two years old our staff of deaconesses has doubled, and everywhere great interest is shown in the work. We are still located in a rented flat, as it does not seem wise to buy a Home, besides in a modern flat the problem of housework is reduced to a minimum.

The Young Women's Christian Association supports one deaconess connected with our Home as a Travelers' Aid, stationed in the Union Depot. Next year a deaconess station will be opened at Virginia on the Iron Range, and other mining towns are asking for the services of a deaconess for periods of several months instead of a few weeks for evangelistic services.

Our Finnish deaconess has spent most of the year among her own people. In two places short sessions of an industrial school have been held with good results.

Two of our deaconesses do evangelistic work during much of the year, working over the Conference as the pastors call for them. We have one parish worker who gives her entire time to the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Duluth. All the workers, including the Superintendent, do a great deal of public work, speaking at conventions and meetings of all kinds, many times going into the smaller towns, filling the pulpit, assisting in Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, or missionary meetings.

The field here is very large, the needs as varied as they are numerous, but the outlook is bright, and we are willing to spend and be spent in the Master's use.

Margaret Evans Deaconess Home.

1630 Ogden St., Denver, Colo.

Miss Lida C. Manning, *Superintendent.*

With hearts filled with gratitude and thanksgiving we review the record of the past year. Ten deaconesses have been connected with our Home, six of this number working as pastors' assistants, and their administrations have resulted in an increase of membership in the Churches and an ingathering of children in the Sunday schools.

Four of our deaconesses have been engaged in city mission work and have had a good year. Much interest has been manifested in the kitchengarden, boys' and girls' clubs, gymnasium work, etc. Best of all, souls have been won for the Master.

We have given some attention to work among the foreigners. We have one worker teaching in the Japanese night school and another working among Italians.

We are still hoping for a Travelers' Aid and an evangelistic deaconess. We recognize the guidance of Him "whose we are and whom we serve."

Minnesota Conference Deaconess Home.

181 College Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Miss Clara Midcalf, *Superintendent.*

At the close of this year we have cause for much rejoicing. The work done by our six deaconesses means vastly more than can be told in this report, and we are now settled in our own property. An eighteen-

room house with beautiful lawn, trees, and porches has been purchased for $11,000. Already $5,500 has been paid, and plans are being made to meet the remaining $5,500 and dedicate the Home at the Annual Conference.

Under the care of our Home we now have a station at Rochester, Minn. Miss Smith, formerly deaconess for Central Park Church, has been there and has done most excellent work.

Miss Hannah Nelson has been deaconess for the Swedish Church and Immigrant work, but beginning this fall will have Travelers' Aid work at the Union Depot. The work at the Arlington Hills and First Swedish Churches will be taken by Miss Maria Douhan, who comes to us from the Home in Brooklyn.

The work of our Conference deaconess, Miss Marion Perry, has meant a great deal for the Home and the Society. Miss Perry has organized Auxiliaries, Circles, Bands, and Jewels, and presented the deaconess cause throughout the Conference, securing pledges and subscriptions for the purchase of our new Home.

During the year two new workers came to us, Miss Erminie Wilber, from Maine, and Miss Mary Winget, from Detroit. Miss Wilber has been connected with the First Methodist Church as parish deaconess. Miss Winget is in charge of the Phalen Mission, which is situated in "Swede Hollow."

The Superintendent of the Home is a probation officer of the Juvenile Court, assisting Judge G. M. Orr in caring for delinquent boys and girls.

During the coming year we hope to have four or five additional workers, among whom we welcome Miss Anna Meek.

Shesler Deaconess Home.

1222 Jackson St., Sioux City, Iowa.

Miss Susie Morton, *Superintendent.*

The year just closed has been an encouraging one to the workers and friends of our Conference Deaconess Home. Our devoted women have carried forward their work very successfully. The industrial schools, clubs, and classes for the children and young people have been productive of much good; the mothers' meetings have also been a great blessing for forlorn homes, the Church services and heart-to-heart talks have been the direct means of bringing many into touch with the Father. The sick also have been substantially aided.

Two deaconesses have given their time to Conference work. Miss Humphrey has conducted evangelistic meetings in several places, and Miss Greenought has acted as assistant to pastors in special meetings.

Misses Troyer and Smith in Wall Street Institutional Church, Miss Rerick in Crescent Park Church, Miss Bielski in the downtown Mission, Miss Daniels in Haddock Church, have given faithful and efficient service. Miss Murrell has served as Travelers' Aid, and Miss Haw still labors with enthusiasm at Fort Dodge.

We deeply appreciate the loyal, loving, prayerful interest of our sisters of the Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society. Again the appointment is more than full, while supplies have been good and generous.

Southwest Kansas Conference Deaconess Home and Training Department.

457 N. St. Francis Ave., Wichita, Kan.

Mrs. E. A. Hoyt, *Superintendent.*
Rev. E. A. Hoyt, D. D., *Principal.*

This has been a prosperous year for the Home. The abundant fruit and other crops has meant a generous supply of our needs. Many persons have come in touch with our work, and the interest has greatly increased. The Home is filled with earnest, happy workers. The three graduates of our school are giving great satisfaction. We are hoping to secure a Travelers' Aid who will work under the Methodist Churches of Wichita in connection with the Young Woman's Christian Association. A graduate nurse is in the second year class in the Training School, and when through she will be the city nurse deaconess. Miss Anna Lovett, who has done fine work at First Church, has married during the year.

The Training Department, which has been carried on for two years, closed a prosperous year in May when three young women completed the course of study, and are proving their fitness for the work. While the school has now only three students, it is hoped that a larger enrollment will prove the necessity of its existence. Until this year the teaching has been done gratuitously but effectively by the ministers of the city. At the last session of the Conference, at the request of the Conference Board of Control and the Deaconess Home Board, the Bishop appointed Rev. E. A. Hoyt, D. D., Principal of the School, and the Home Board selected Mrs. Hoyt as Superintendent of the Home. They have given themselves heartily to the work, and are hoping for greater things. Valuable gifts of books and other articles have been received.

Deaconess Stations.

Washington, Ia.

421 W. Washington St.

Miss Mary Crawford, *Deaconess.*

For nine months my work has been in this city, as I was transferred from the Southern California to the Iowa Conference. During a three months' absence of the pastor the prayer-meetings received much attention and demanded a great deal of my time. There has necessarily been much special work connected with sickness, funerals, and other lines of duty, which has taken much time. I am conscious that our Heavenly Father keeps account of our deeds and that we will be awarded accordingly.

Northern Swedish Mission Conference Station.

1015 Seventh St., Superior, Wis.

Miss Augusta Westrin, *Deaconess.*

The past year has been one full of work and interest. Loving duties have been mine, and my heart has been made glad by the changes that I have seen made in the homes, lives, and the character of these people. It is beautiful thus to be a co-worker with God.

Chanute, Kan.

Miss Blanche Freeman, *Deaconess.*

The work at Chanute the past year has included work in First Church and McCabe Chapel, a mission Church under the direction of First Church. Miss Freeman has done strong work and has been faithful in all lines of the Church activities, including work among the sick and shut-ins.

Concordia, Kan.

Miss Edith Gorby, *Deaconess.*

Miss Gorby has served this Church since September, and has proven herself to be a faithful and conscientious worker. Her work not only includes the special work for the Church, but is reaching out to the foreign population that is settling around Concordia in large numbers.

Guthrie, Okla.

Mrs. Ella Johnson, *Deaconess.*

Mrs. Johnson is entering upon her second year of work in Oklahoma. During her stay there she has given an impetus to the work in a number of places, assisting in revival services and helping the different pastors to take care of the many people who are flocking to this new country.

Hutchinson, Kan.

Miss Minnie Leebrick, *Deaconess.*

The past year has been one of active service in this large field. Miss Leebrick's work has been that of a parish deaconess in connection with First Church. Strangers have been welcomed, sick cared for, the interests of all departments of the Church have been strengthened by her work.

Southwest Kansas Conference, Hutchinson District.

Miss Vievie Souders, *Deaconess.*

Miss Souders has spent three years in this prolific field, and her services are continually in demand as a helper in revival meetings throughout the district, where she is greatly beloved and where God has wonderfully used her.

Muskogee, Okla.

Miss Jane Hawkins, *Deaconess.*

For the past year Miss Hawkins's work has been in connection with the Children's Home in Muskogee. Many neglected little ones have been gathered in and cared for. Homes have been found for them where necessary. Miss Hawkins is greatly in love with her work.

Munden, Kan.

Miss Leslie R. Lane, *Deaconess.*

Though situated in the heart of Kansas, Munden is made up largely of a Bohemian population. The children have been gathered into Sunday school, the fathers and mothers have been interested in the Church, and the young people are being reached. A new church building has been erected, and the outlook for a successful work is promising.

Missouri Conference, Cameron District.

Miss Marion Wilson, *Deaconess.*

Miss Wilson's work is largely that of the evangelistic deaconess. One or two months are spent in each charge, assisting the pastor in the building up of all the departments of the Church life. Miss Wilson is meeting with good success.

Osborne, Kan.

Miss Bernice Lough, *Deaconess.*

One of the strong features in Miss Lough's work at Osborne has been that of the organizing and conducting of the Junior League. Many calls have been made, both in town and country. The sick have been cared for.

Oklahoma Conference.

Miss Julia Wallace, *Deaconess.*

The work of Miss Wallace has been that of frontier evangelist. Successful meetings have been held in many of the outstanding points of Western Oklahoma. To fit herself for further usefulness, Miss Wallace has entered the Methodist Hospital at Guthrie for some nurse-training.

North Nebraska Conference.

Miss Frieda Schmickle, *Deaconess.*
Miss Jessie Williams, *Deaconess.*

Miss Schmickle has spent the past two years in this Conference as an evangelistic helper, where she has met with abundant success. Miss Williams is just beginning her work in that Conference. There is great demand among the Churches of the Conference for such help, and these workers are kept busy continually in their line of special work.

St. Joseph, Mo.

Miss Ethel Lei Van, *Deaconess.*

Miss Lei Van was stationed at St. Joseph September 1st. Her work is in the interest of all the Methodist Churches of St. Joseph. She lives at the Ensworth Hospital Nurses' Home, where she has a weekly Bible class for the nurses. She is doing much to further the Master's Kingdom.

Salina, Kan.

Miss Clara Baxter, *Deaconess.*

After serving a year as district deaconess, Miss Baxter has been assigned to First Church, Salina, where she is doing the work of a parish deaconess, which includes many lines of activity, Sunday school, Junior and Epworth League, mission study. We have many words of commendation regarding her services.

Sedalia, Mo.

Miss Lucy Curtis, *Deaconess.*

Miss Curtis's introduction to the work of this Church was made in July, when she went there to look after the interests of the Church during the absence of the pastor in Europe. Her work was of such a helpful

nature that upon the return of the pastor the Church unanimously requested her assignment to them for permanent work. All lines of Church work are being built up through her earnest efforts.

South Kansas Conference.

Miss Ollie Stewart, *Deaconess.*

Since entering the Conference, Miss Stewart has been in evangelistic services, where she has met with abundant success. Words of hearty appreciation have been universal regarding her work.

Wellington, Kan.

Miss Stella Corbin, *Deaconess.*

Miss Corbin has met with unusual success in her work for this Church the past year. She has been faithful and untiring in all her ministrations in this large and needy field.

Boulder, Colo.

Miss Edith Mann, *Deaconess.*

Miss Mann's work is largely among the young people, where she exerts a great influence. Among the sick she is especially helpful, and cases of need or sorrow find ready sympathy and help in her.

Southwest Kansas Conference, Larned District.

Miss Ruth Hewitt, *Deaconess.*

Miss Hewitt is kept busy helping in evangelistic meetings in her district, where she has met with very good success. Some of the Churches served have been Larned, Great Bend, Dighton, Kinsley.

Northwest Kansas Conference.

Miss Addie Benedict, *Deaconess.*

For four years Miss Benedict has been working in this Conference, organizing Woman's Home Missionary Society Auxiliaries, strengthening the work of those already at work, and doing much evangelistic work. She has been very successful.

Burge Deaconess Hospital, Springfield, Mo.

Miss Irene Worrell, *Field Deaconess and Acting Superintendent.*

Miss Eunice Britt, temporarily located at the Kansas City National Training School.

The following are not in the active work at present, for health reasons: Misses Ida Ankenman, Norcatur, Kan.; Althea Gift, Smith Center, Kan.; Ingrid Pearson, Kansas City, Mo.; Anna Wharton, Lyons, Kan.; Dora Conwell, Appleton City, Mo.

PACIFIC COAST BUREAU OF DEACONESS WORK.

1143 North Center St., Stockton, Cal.

MRS. JOHN STEPHENS, *Secretary.*

The holding of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society at Los Angeles gave us the opportunity, long coveted, of presenting for your inspection and consideration the work which had long lain upon our hearts, and which you for many years, through our representations, had been supporting.

We now therefore feel assured of a sympathetic hearing as we review the work of the year, for we believe that the mention of our Homes in San Francisco and Los Angeles will bring to your minds vivid pictures of their location and environment, and that the mention of our workers will recall that gallery full of happy-faced deaconesses who are the proud boast of our San Francisco National Training School and of the Pacific Coast Bureau.

These deaconesses, after their happy week at Los Angeles, went out into the work with renewed zeal, and through our Homes and thirteen stations have done valiant service. Figures may not lie, neither do they tell *all* the truth, so we must read between the lines of a report to get its true significance, and as I have tried to do this I have discovered much of real heroism and the deepest devotion to the cause of our Master.

The San Francisco National Training School has had the best year in its history. We are realizing more and more the value of this institution to the Methodism of the Coast, and believe we are but entering upon the great work that will be accomplished here in future years. The Christian influence of that splendid man at the head of the school, Dr. E. R. Willis, and of his consecrated wife is constantly growing, and will be perpetuated in many lives.

The school has had an increased enrollment during the past year and has graduated its largest class, consisting of ten young women, splendidly equipped for deaconess work. One of these, a trained nurse, will inaugurate a new department of work this year. While fully able to command regular nurse's wages, yet, for Jesus' sake, she is anxious to serve the suffering in the slums of San Francisco, and will begin this work at once. Surely while such a spirit as this is abroad in the world Christianity is neither dead nor dying.

The deaconesses in the Home have been true and faithful in their service in the various Churches in the face of trying conditions. Much good work has been done at the Ferry Depot, which is really the gateway to San Francisco, by the Travelers' Aid Deaconess, and many helpless girls have reason to bless the Society that has kept such a helper there.

Industrial work has been of special value and interest this year, and almost every deaconess, and some students as well, have had prosperous sewing schools in the Churches they serve, and have thus been brought into close contact with the children, and through them with the homes of the various communities. One deaconess has been connected with the city mission work, and has toiled early and late, doing regular pastoral service, even to the preaching and the conducting of funerals. She has been honored by being invited to give lectures and instruction in "Mercy and Help" work at the Epworth League Institutes held in two of our Conferences.

San Francisco Deaconess Home and Training School.

129 Haight St., San Francisco, Cal.

Rev. E. R. Willis, D. D., *President.*
Miss Lulu McMillin, *Preceptress.*

We have another year to report of active service for our deaconesses who have ministered in the city at Berkeley and at many stations throughout the Conference. There have been the usual efforts in helping Churches, aiding pastors and various lines of Church and pastoral sevice, trying in every way to build up the Churches where these deaconesses are laboring. Thus the deaconesses are invaluable to the pastors who are fortunate enough to secure their services. A fuller report will be found in connection with the Training School. As the years go by more and more do the people of the Coast realize the value of this noble institution and the efforts put forth by its members to lift others to a higher and more spiritual plane.

Southern California Deaconess Home.

511 S. Westlake Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. M. E. Muilberger, *Superintendent.*

"Forward" seems to be the motto of the Southern California Conference in every line of Christian activity; so the deaconess work has shared in the general prosperity and has had a good year.

From the happy home, so ably presided over by Mrs. Muilberger, who has fulfilled the highest expectations concerning her, the workers have gone out into all branches of deaconess service.

Miss Sanborn, our evangelist, has had good success and has assisted more pastors in revival work than for years past. She also effectively presents the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, particularly the deaconess branch, securing support for the Home in Los Angeles, and never failing to speak a good word for the National Training School in San Francisco.

Travelers' Aid work is an important branch of service in Los Angeles, and the white ties are in evidence at every depot. Parish work is carried on also, and two of our most capable deaconesses are constantly employed by the great Sunday school of First Church assisting in its work among the youth of the city.

The hospital opened last year has had nurse deaconesses caring for the souls as well as the bodies of its patients, and has done a most beneficent work.

Two of our faithful workes of many years, Miss Lowry and Miss Steele, are laid aside by illness now, but they have the satisfaction of looking back upon years of beautiful service "in His name," and are learning that "They also serve who only stand and wait."

The Wing Rest Home at Huntington Beach continues to be all its name implies, and is greatly appreciated by weary ones.

Davis Deaconess Home.

347 E. Fourth St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Miss C. E. Robinson, *Superintendent.*

No phenomenal successes have marked our work during the past year, but we have pushed steadily forward, doing the work at hand, and feel that a good degree of success has crowned our efforts.

In November Mrs. Grace Mettler was transferred from our Home to Provo, and Ida May DeWitt was assigned as her successor here. Owing to ill-health Miss DeWitt never entered upon her duties. She remained with us six months, hoping that the invigorating air of this health-giving climate would restore her former strength. Being disappointed in this, she returned to her Michigan home in April.

During the year Miss Ida R. Watson and Miss Laura M. Balmer have come to us, the former serving First Church. This is the only Church that assumes the support of its deaconess.

In October we were favored with a visit from some of our general officers on their way home from the Annual Meeting at Los Angeles. We are so isolated from our workers in this intermountain region that such a visit is truly inspirational.

Again our friends of Selma, Cal., remembered us with a valuable gift of dried and canned fruit.

We enter upon the new year relying upon Him who has helped us and trusting that His work may prosper in our hands.

Deaconess Stations.

Bakersfield, Cal.

Miss Emma L. Lane, *Deaconess.*

Miss Lane continued the good work she was doing in the Chinese Mission in San Jose until September. Then, following the Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, she was assigned to the work in Bakersfield. This is a hard field, but full of possibilities, and the deaconess had heart and hands full to keep up with the demands of a changing population in a debt-burdened Church. Faith and perseverance always win, and pastor and deaconess rejoice in debts paid and precious souls born into the kingdom.

Berkeley, California.

Miss Essie Jebb, *Deaconess.*

Miss Jebb has served in several charges around "the Bay," particularly at College Avenue and North Berkeley, and has faithfully performed the duties of a parish deaconess. The Home Department of the Sunday school and the Junior League have received her special attention.

Miss Mabel Lamb, *Deaconess.*

During part of the year Miss Lamb has served First Church in Berkeley, and when the pastor was transferred to Idaho, Miss Lamb's work was so excellent that he desired her to accompany him to Boise as his special deaconess.

Later in the year Miss Lamb was sent to Grace Church in San Francisco, where she has again done such excellent service that the Church

would gladly retain her. In August she consented to assume for the year the care of the Japanese Home of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in San Francisco, where there is a large service for her to render to these strangers within our gates.

Boise, Idaho.

Miss Rebecca Weigle, *Deaconess.*

Because of the illness of Miss Gentry, the deaconess who served so faithfully this charge, Boise has the past year had little deaconess service. Recently Miss Weigle has joined her services to those of the new pastor and we are expecting large returns from their united efforts. She is transferred from First Church, Des Moines, Iowa.

Eugene, Oregon.

218 East Eleventh Street.

Miss Florence Twidwell, *Deaconess.*

The Church in this active college town feels it has a distinct mission to the young people of the community, and so the deaconess has a large place to fill. Miss Twidwell is a worthy successor of the other deaconesses who have served this charge, and her report is a record of activity and versatility seldom equaled. Besides engaging in a multiplicity of other duties, she has taught a weekly Bible class in the high school, while her musical talents have been in demand in social meetings of various kinds as well as in special revival work.

Long Beach, Cal.

Miss Alice Whitney, *Deaconess.*

Miss Whitney gave a few months of faithful service to this Church and was becoming well-nigh indispensable, when a suitor appeared on the scene and persuaded her to become a minister's wife. The happy date was February 18, 1910.

Monrovia, Cal.

Miss Grace Adams, *Deaconess.*

The varied work of a parish deaconess has been done in Monrovia by Miss Adams. She can always be depended upon to do her full duty, and the year has been fruitful in good works.

Oakland, Cal.

Centennial Church.

Miss Lillian Dietz, *Deaconess.*

This once prosperous Church has been depleted by many removals and changed conditions have made its work more of a missionary character. Miss Dietz has given several months of faithful service to this difficult field and has accomplished results that will tell in the coming years.

Pasadena, California.

First Church, 293 Arcadia Street.

Miss Ada Breakenridge, *Deaconess.*

Miss Breakenridge is a worker who finds that "the joy of the Lord is her strength." Always busy, always happy, she rejoices in the service she is permitted to render for the Master and for this great Church. A record of 1,595 calls made constitutes but a part of the work of the year, which is the best she has ever known. She is greatly beloved.

Pasadena, California.

South.

Miss Belle Blakesley, *Deaconess.*

Miss Blakesley served this Church for a brief period very acceptably. She was afterwards assigned to Travelers' Aid work in Los Angeles.

Portland, Oregon.

Miss Olivia Bostrom, *Deaconess.*

Miss Bostrom is a missionary to her own Swedish people and has had a busy year ministering to their needs, both temporal and spiritual. Her unselfish spirit has led her wherever her people have need of her services, and she is a noble woman, greatly beloved.

Sacramento, California.

Sixth Street.

Mrs. Helen Peck, *Deaconess.*

Through a hard year of anxiety and trouble, caused by a serious railway accident which befell the pastor of the Church, incapacitating him for months, and handicapped somewhat by her own ill-health, Mrs. Peck has kept bravely on her way, active, energetic, resourceful, looking after every interest of the Church and having her usual success. She was chosen as one of the instructors at the Epworth League Institute held by Dr. Randall at Mt. Hermon, and so was able to touch helpfully the young life of many Churches.

San Jose, California.

First Church.

Mrs. Mary Widaman, *Deaconess.*

Mrs. Widaman gave three months' service to this Church, finishing the Conference year. She was then transferred to Ogden, Utah, where she has since been laboring. Mrs. Widaman is one of our most diligent and experienced workers and never spares herself, that the Lord's cause may be advanced.

San Pedro, Cal.

Miss May Reed, *Deaconess.*

About the first thing Miss Reed did in San Pedro was to "catch" the smallpox, but fortunately her life was spared, and she has since been able to do most effective work among the mixed population of a seaport town.

Tucson Industrial School, Tucson, Arizona.

Miss Flora Jacobs, *Deaconess.*

During the past year this deaconess has been most helpful to pastors, Epworth Leagues, Sabbath schools, and also to the general work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in this State. As her health improved she decided to spend the summer in her Nebraska home, but was soon warned that Arizona must for some time be her place of residence. We are praying for this earnest, Christian laborer and for God's blessing upon her services.

COMMITTEE ON REST HOMES.

Mrs. S. W. Davis, *Chairman,* 1016 South Avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Bancroft Rest Home.

74 Cookman Avenue, Ocean Grove, N. J.

Miss Madelyn Whyland, *Superintendent.*

With great reluctance our Superintendent dropped from her hands the burden that was proving too heavy for her strength, and while all in the Home were willing and kind, it was found necessary to make a new adjustment. Miss Anna Mosher, after a time at a sanitarium, so far recovered her health that she returned to her home in Gloversville, N. Y.

Mrs. Mary Dunshee gave us great joy in the helpful service she has rendered as Superintendent. She has also resigned to accept similar work in New York City, and Miss Madelyn Whyland, who for some years served as deaconess in Newark, N. J., has been chosen as Superintendent.

Mrs. C. B. Dickinson has charge of the library, which contains more than five hundred volumes donated by friends.

We now come to the close of the fifteenth summer for this work, which had its beginning in the summer of 1896. In August, 1897, a Board of Management was organized, a constitution adopted, and plans for aggressive work brought before the annual meeting of the Board of Managers held in Baltimore in October. The plans were approved and the committee authorized to proceed with the work and to name the institution Bancroft Rest Home, after the donors of the property. From 1897 to 1910 various loans have been made as needed by the committee for the enlargement of the Home and purchase of adjacent lots, aggregating thousands of dollars. These loans have all been paid. with interest, excepting a small loan of five hundred dollars, which is still due. Money is needed for this and for repairs—painting house, insurance, and taxes.

Dear friends of the cause, we ask your prayers and continued support for this, your one all-the-year resting-place for those who stand on the firing-line.

Elvira Olney Rest Cottage.

Epworth, near Ludington, Mich.

Reported by Mrs. Levi Masters, 147 S. Union Square, Grand Rapids, Mich.

The season was a repetition of last year's enjoyment, happy labor, and financial success. Five deaconesses were entertained, one missionary, three Christian workers, and one hundred other guests. Our receipts were abundantly ample to cover all expenditures and left a handsome balance in the treasury of $291.42.

Kate Cunningham Rest Cottage.

Ridgeview Park, Ridgeview, Pa.

Reported by Mrs. W. R. Kunz, *Chairman,* Crafton, Pa.

The Kate Cunningham Rest Home was opened on Methodist day, June 23d. Four deaconesses were present and received visits from a number of ministers and friends. Miss Vetesk and other Bohemian girls spent the camp-meeting season at the cottage. Eighteen guests enjoyed the rest and quiet, and were grateful for the privileges of thus spending their vacation. We are all grateful to Mrs. Cunningham, who has made it possible for us to have this little country home for our workers, and to the friends who helped us renovate and make it more comfortable. Nothing has come to us that has been more appreciated by our deaconesses.

Thompson Rest Home.

Mountain Lake Park, Maryland.

Reported by Mrs. S. W. Davis.

We record with gratitude the eleventh year of our history as a Rest Home. The season opened July 1st and closed September 1st. Nineteen deaconesses, representing Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Pittsburg, Bridgeport, Ohio, and New York, were with us for vacations varying from two weeks to a month. There were also ten Christian workers and thirty other guests.

A number of valuable donations of groceries and supplies were received, also two quilts. An unusual interest was shown by our friends in the entertainment of our workers.

The Mountain Lake Park Anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was held July 15th to 18th, and was full of interest and instruction. The Board of Managers of Thompson Rest Home enjoys the unique distinction of financing not only a Rest Home, but also an anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Wing Rest Home.

Huntington Beach, Southern California.

Reported by Mrs. J. W. Gillette, *Chairman.*

The fourth year of this resting-place beside the peaceful Pacific has been of more service, if possible, than any previous year. All of our deaconesses in Home and hospital, as well as the two Superintendents, have spent time there so profitably. They entertained our Bishop and the District Superintendents during the camp-meeting, thus calling attention to our work of this kind.

The Home is in perfect order. A lovely matron cares for it, and the dear deaconesses go to it for any time at any time at their command. This is the only Home, we believe, where they can go free of any expense to themselves, different Churches paying the expenses of the different months.

BUREAU FOR SUPERVISION OF COLORED DEACONESSES.

Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, *Secretary.*
2231 St. James Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

This year has been filled with great anxiety. Since our funds were not sufficient to open our Training School at Nashville, numbers of conscientious young women with a longing in their hearts to enter service for the Master have been turned away, and some with no little discouragement. However, we have tried to keep alive in all some hope, remembering that "Behind a frowning Providence He hides a smiling face."

Our station workers are all faithful, earnest, never-tiring women. They are laboring with a clear vision of the crying need of such work among our own people. I am more and more convinced that the deaconess movement is one of the most potent agencies of our Church for the uplift of our race. No department of our Church activity, I repeat, is more necessary. Yet no department of our missionary life is being more grievously slighted. This near field is ripe for the harvest, while young women of our race wait anxiously for the establishment of deaconess schools to prepare them for service.

Lovers of humanity, reach out a helping hand to this much-needed cause. Let us open our hearts so that this movement may be brought to the front. We are asking each Conference Society this year for $60. Our idea is to make the training school an actual fact at the earliest possible moment, so that we may have our object clearly in view. We give God the praise for what has been done during the past year, and enter the new year with stronger courage and renewed hope.

HOSPITALS.

Mrs. D. B. Street, *Secretary.*
The Kenesaw, Washington, D. C.

Hospitals bear eloquent testimony to the beneficent influence of the religion of which Christ was the Founder, and so it is fitting that our Society should carry on the loving ministry "In His name." Doors of opportunity are opening in many sections of the country for the establishment of this line of service, but as the work is expensive and difficult to maintain, careful supervision is necessary and no new work assumed that can not be locally provided for.

The hospitals that are directly under the care of or in affiliation with the Woman's Home Missionary Society have had a most prosperous financial year—all but one having a good balance in the treasury after the payment of all current expenses. Nearly four thousand persons have been under their care, twenty per cent of the entire number being charity cases. Many nationalities have there been brought under Christian influence, with a prayer that the good seed sown by kindly word and deed may yield an abundant harvest for the Master.

Sibley Memorial Hospital.

Washington, D. C.

Rev. W. H. Wilder, D. D., LL. D., *Superintendent.*
Miss Pansy Havens, *Deaconess Director.*

Sibley Memorial Hospital, one of the departments of the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School, was never more efficient than at present and during the year closing July 31, 1910. Through a bequest of five thousand dollars from the late and lamented Hon. Matthew G. Emery, of this city, the resident properties, 1142 and 1144 North Capitol Street, have been purchased. The former is now ready for hospital purposes. The building has been repaired and remodeled for its new purposes. The rooms are commodious, have splendid light and ventilation, and are most desirable. One thousand, one hundred and seventy-seven patients were cared for during the year, in addition to a large dispensary service.

The report of the treasurer shows a most gratifying financial condition. Notwithstanding the hospital continues to do a large amount of gratuitous or free work and receives no aid from the District or Congress, the treasury shows a balance of $460.76 after all expenses of the year have been paid.

The hospital is unique in that it has no medical staff. Any reputable physician may attend his patients in the hospital, whether they are admitted with or without charge. Patients without discrimination as to race or religion are received and given the best of attention.

Graham Protestant Hospital, Keokuk, Iowa.

Miss Mary C. Jackson, *Superintendent.*
F. B. Dorsey, M. D., *Chief of Medical Staff.*
Rev. A. V. Kendrick, D. D., *Field Secretary.*

The Graham Hospital has closed another year and has been full nearly all the time. Sometimes cots have been placed in the halls. The average number treated each month was twenty-seven; the largest number, thirty-eight, with twenty rooms. You will agree that we will gladly welcome our commodious new building, which is nearing completion, costing $25,000.

The total number of patients admitted during the year was 199; total number treated, 331; number of operations, 235; number of births, 10; deaths, 13. These may seem to be very small figures, but when we consider the nature and seriousness of the work done and the almost miraculous recoveries from serious injuries, we take courage and look above, for surely God has not been unmindful of us in our little corner doing work for Him and in His name.

The Auxiliaries of the Churches, Home Missionary Societies, and Epworth Leagues have been helpful in aiding us by sending fruits, jellies, eggs, etc., which reached in value $209.30.

The Guild has been helpful by their interest in the meetings and sewing done each month. A linen shower, which was participated in by many friends of the hospital outside of the Guild, helped us to replenish our linen supply in February.

While we are always glad and are continually asking for donations to help our work, we have not been idle in or neglected the fact that it is more blessed to give than to receive. During the year thirty-seven individuals have been the recipients of donations from us to the amount of one hundred weeks of charity work, which averaged at $7 per week would

make $700. With our new and larger building we shall another year expect larger returns.

During the year eight nurses have been in training; two will complete their work in October; one is entering on her second year, and five are in the first year. These young ladies are all giving very acceptable service.

During the year the hospital has received from patients for private nursing and for surgical dressings, $7,671.31, and had expended for current expenses, $7,941.64.

Colorado Conference Deaconess Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Florence E. Standish, R. N., *Superintendent.*

The following report of the Colorado Conference Deaconess Hospital for the year ending July, 1910, is offered with a sense of deep gratitude for guidance and support vouchsafed us as an institution and as individuals.

During the year more than four hundred patients have been cared for, an increase of almost one hundred per cent over the preceding year. The receipts have totaled approximately $12,000, and the current expenditures something more than $11,000. The donations for the year have amounted to $1,075, as compared with $344 the preceding year.

Eleven nurses are in training, and much of the year's success has been due to their faithfulness in service and patience with existing conditions in the old building.

The prospects for service soon in the new building are daily growing brighter, and we look forward with joy to the time of larger usefulness when the building called "Bethel" shall be our haven of work "for the love of Christ and in His name."

Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital.

1327 Jefferson St., Springfield, Mo.

Miss Emma Anderson, *Superintendent.*

We have had a busy year. Our working force has numbered from four to six. We have cared for 168 patients in the hospital and seventeen in private homes. All current expenses have been met and a surplus in the treasury. The charity work has amounted to $798, but figures can not estimate the help given to both pay and charity patients who have "tarried with us." The entire property is valued at $50,000, with no indebtedness. Improvements have been made in the nurses' home to add to their comfort, while the doctors and Miss Wilson have been adding to the beauty of the hospital in redecorating some of the rooms. A piano also added to our furnishings. Our beloved donor, Mrs. Ellen A. Burge, is constantly interested in personally adding improvements for the betterment of the work.

In June, when Mrs. D. B. Street, the new Secretary of the Bureau for Hospitals, visited us, she organized a Guild of twenty-five members who are eagerly planning to add to the comforts of the hospital. Already we have had many good and helpful things come to us from these women, and are expecting greater things from them. Many other friends have signified their desire to be members of the Guild.

A little, club-footed, neglected orphan boy of twenty months was brought under our care one year ago entirely helpless. Medical skill and

watchful care have so far restored him that he is bright and cheerful and can walk. We count his recovery remarkable—one of the many helpful deeds done "in His name."

We need nurses—good Christian young women with fair education who feel called to the work of nursing, will do much to help us in carrying forward this work and can have the benefit of the finest training and lectures from eminent physicians and surgeons.

The Methodist Hospital of Southern California.

Los Angeles.

Miss M. I. Switzer, *Superintendent.*
Miss Genevieve Tree, *Assistant Superintendent.*

This hospital is located in Los Angeles. The present building is an old mansion of fourteen bedrooms in addition to rooms for administration purposes, surrounded by spacious grounds that are filled with fine old trees and rare shrubbery. The property is valued at $30,000, on which there is a debt of $8,600.

The Rev. B. C. Cory has been appointed field agent to raise funds for the upbuilding of this much needed institution. The entire building has been refitted and furnished for modern hospital purposes, and since the Sibley nurses took charge in September last a small operating room with modern, up-to-date equipment has been added; 190 patients have been cared for since January, 1910, with twenty-five major and sixty minor operations, which speaks well for the present influence and future growth of the hospital. All current expenses have been met, and a good proportion of charity work done.

The Ellen B. Flower Deaconess Home and Hospital of the Central Ohio Conference.

Toledo, Ohio.

Miss Emma Enders, *Superintendent.*

On January 19, 1910, the Cinderella Carey Brown Memorial Building, one of the several buildings to be erected on the spacious grounds of the Deaconess Home and Hospital, was dedicated by the Rev. Levi Gilbert, D. D., to the service of suffering humanity. The Rev. E. O. Crist, President of the Board of Managers, presided and gave a brief review of the work from the beginning, and read the greetings from Mrs. George O. Robinson, National President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, who was unable to be present, and also introduced to the large and interested audience in attendance the honored guest and benefactor, Mr. Edwin Brown, of Carey, Ohio.

The building in all exterior and interior details is a model of simplicity and utility. Wards and private rooms give capacity for twenty-eight beds in addition to the fine operating room and rooms for administration purposes. The old homestead of the founder, Mr. Flower, is the home of the deaconesses and nurses, who form an interesting group of Christian workers, receiving instruction from an able corps of instructors.

A marked degree of prosperity has attended the work since its beginning, this new building giving opportunity for greater usefulness in the future.

Brewster Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida.

Mrs. Olive Webster, *Superintendent.*

This hospital was opened for the care of the sick and the training of the young women of the colored race. The building has been located on the grounds of Boylan Home. Under the wise management of Miss Webster success has crowned the effort. During the last year 258 patients were cared for, and all current expenses met, with a balance in the treasury. Eight colored girls are in training. It is now necessary to rent a house outside of Boylan Home grounds to carry on the work. We trust that in the near future a proper building will be provided.

The Methodist Episcopal Hospital and Deaconess Home of the State of Indiana.

Sixteenth Street and North Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. W. T. Graham, *Superintendent.*

The Woman's Home Missionary Society being one-third corporate owner of this hospital, in connection with the Annual Conferences, we are pleased to give to the Society a report of the great work done by it.

The present hospital is one of several buildings to occupy the valuable five acres of ground in the heart of the city. The building is attractive in design and fire-proof, having three operating rooms that are models of hospital construction, and a capacity of seventy beds. Forty nurses are in training, and the affairs of the institution are wisely and carefully administered. The number of patients cared for last year was 1,015, twenty per cent being charity. The receipts for current expenses were $66,300, the expenditures being several thousand dollars less.

The value of the new building is $160,000. Because of the marvelous growth of the institution plans are being prepared for a new building that shall more nearly meet the demands for accommodation.

SUMMARY OF THE DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

With the exception of a few of the smaller Homes under our care, not counting the two hospitals affiliated with us, our Society owns the property in which these institutions are housed. Ten of the larger institutions given in the table of statistics own, besides the Home, one, two, or three other buildings for the use of the work. Two of these buildings are mentioned in the table; the others are not. The list below indicates the variety of work undertaken.

Our Society has, for the housing of its work:

43 Deaconess Institutions.
11 Industrial buildings, and kindergartens are connected with these.
7 include training schools as well as Homes.
1 Orpharage includes a Home.
2 Hospitals include also a Home.
3 Homes include small hospitals.
5 are exclusively hospitals.
5 are exclusively Rest Homes, two of which are open permanently, while the others are used only in summer.
1 Home has a dispensary, with a resident physician and resident trained nurse.

STATISTICS OF THE DEACONESS WORK.

DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS.	Year of Establishment	Value of Property and Endowment	Debt	Licensed Deaconesses	Unlicensed Deaconesses & Probationers	Stations	Students taking Bible Training	Students taking Nurse Training	Calls of all kinds made	No. of Sick Nursed in Hospitals	No. of Sick Nursed in Homes	Aggregate No. of Children Taught in Industrial Homes	Aggregate No. of Children Taught in Sunday Schools	Receipts from all Sources	Current Expenses for Fiscal Year
Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School	1891 1897	$15 500 00	$3,000 00	9	3	....	8	.....	8,391	.....	23	4,243	3,001	$4,070 25	$1,518 77
Baltimore Deaconess Home	1902	40,143 88	10,500 00	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.711	.....	.....	2,508	907	4,835 35	5,077 13
*Mt. Taber Industrial Building	1896	7,500 00	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	3,272 83	3,004 73
Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Bible Training School	1892	18,000 00	550 00	15	2	.....	32	.....	10,272	.....	25	1,025	709	4,355 35	4,328 59
¶Brooklyn Deaconess Home and Training School	1892	30,000 00	.....	15	7	18	.....	.....	23,548	.....	.....	150	.....	11,448 57	10,541 88
Cleveland Deaconess Home	1890	30,266 03	4,000 00	16	6	.....	.....	.....	13,114	.....	.....	3,687	5,000	11,457 79	6,371 58
Colorado Conf. Deaconess Hospital	1903	58,000 00	3,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	468	.....	.....	.....	15,898 81	14,429 32
Cunningham Children's Home	1895	33,312 44	.....	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,524 60	10,678 57
Davis Deaconess Home	1895	20 000 00	.....	5	.....	1	.....	.....	3,003	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,911 18	1,835 00
Detroit Deaconess Home		24,000 00													
Tillman Avenue Mission	1889	7,000 00	2,000 00	13	2	.....	.....	.....	18,519	.....	16	300	2,932	4,215 04	4,845 68
Dwight W. Blakeslee Memorial Deaconess Home	1905	8,000 00	.....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	5,832	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,878 32	1,016 00
Duluth Deaconess Home	1908	Furniture 600 00	Rent	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,900	.....	.....	56	748	1,600 00	1,400 00
Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital	1906	40,000 00	.....	3	1	.....	.....	2	250	168	17	.....	.....	5,143 70	5,121 79
Ellen B. Flower Deaconess Home and Hospital	1903 1906	60,000 00	10,000 00	5	.....	.....	.....	12	... .	231	.....	.....	.....	48,034 74	7,034 62
*Elvira Olney Rest Home	1900	512 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	515 94	370 23
E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home	1899	9,200 00	.....	10	.....	1	.....	.....	5.344	2	21	1,103	1,659	2,256 21	2,134 08
Genesee Conference Deaconess Home	1890	36,167 87	9,850 00	11	5	2	.....	1	11,543	15	7	100	40	10,572 82	6,909 52
Graham Protestant Hospital	1901	40,000 00	300 00	2	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	331	.....	.....	.....	7,982 18	7,941 64
Holloway Deaconess Home	1900	10,000 00	.....	8	2	.....	.....	.....	10,915	.....	12	8,867	1,612	2,525 09	2,378 38
†Jersey City Deaconess Home	1898	17,000 00	5,000 00	9	4	.....	.....	.....	12,522	4	122	.....	683	1,098 65	2,094 02
Kansas City National Training School and Deaconess Home	1899	75,000 00	.....	13	2	.....	43	.....	10,722	6	29	100	About 1,000	8,967 51	7,625 17
Los Angeles Deaconess Hospital	1909	31,000 00	8,600 00	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	190	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School (Bible Department) Sibley Memorial Hospital (Nurse-training Department)	1894	260,000 00	5,000 00	2	2	.....	78	52	8,000	1,143	.....	.....	.....	54,522 37	54,027 70
Maine Conference Deaconess Home	1903	14,000 00	1.900 00	4	2	.....	.....	1	3,850	.....	36	284	329	1,762 67	1,658 35
Margaret Evans Deaconess Home	1898	16,000 00	5,500 00	7	1	.....	.....	.....	14,316	.....	12	.....	.....	4,425 67	3,010 13
‖Methodist Episcopal Hospital and Deaconess Home of State of Indiana	1905	200,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newark Conference Deaconess Home	1899	9,500 00	6,003 00	8	2	.....	.....	.....	8,831	162	162	403	2,680	398 86	2,210 31

*Rest Homes are reported one-half the value of property, current expenses, and supplies, with the exception of Wing Rest Home, which is Deaconess property. ¶Brooklyn Deaconess Home property owned by Evangelization Union.

†Jersey City Deaconess Home property owned by Evangelization Union, furnishings to the value of $2000, included above, owned by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Newark Conference. ‖Affiliated

DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS.—Continued.	Year of Establishment	Value of Property and Endowment	Debt	Licensed Deaconesses	Unlicensed Deaconesses & Probationers	Stations	Students taking Bible Training.	Students taking Nurse Training	Calls of all kinds made	No. of Sick Nursed in Hospitals	No. of Sick Nursed in Homes	Aggregate No. of Children Taught in Industrial Homes	Aggregate No. of Children Taught in Sunday Schools	Receipts from all Sources	Current Expenses for Fiscal Year
Irene Maitland Deaconess Home	1910	23,000 00		2											
Ohio Conference Deaconess Home	1899	14,500 00	7,000 00	7					4,398				2,523	3,072 19	2,855 62
Philadelphia Deaconess Home	1889	46,000 00	5,000 00	10	1		1	1	17,340		52	17,507	8,447	14,456 20	11,510 07
Pittsburg Deaconess Home	1890	34,161 66		10	2	1	1		7,454		68		8,060	4,623 21	3,967 11
San Francisco National Training School and Deaconess Home	1901	30,000 00		14	5	6	21		15,427			275		9,164 38	12,241 08
Shesler Deaconess Home	1901	7,000 00		8	2	1			10,799			1,485	2,970	4,097 30	3,151 02
Southern Cal. Conf. Deaconess Home.	1896	15,000 00		9		3			11,910	149	15			5,485 50	4,450 38
S. W. Kansas Conference Deaconess Home	1898	7,000 00		9	3		3	1	9,282		23		569	1,975 68	1,816 59
St. Paul Deaconess Home	1907	17,000 00	5,500 00	9	1	1			11,472		10		115	8,125 27	2,281 72
Stone Deaconess Home	1906	7,000 00	445 00	3					1,746	2	5	82	123	1,564 00	1,341 15
*Thompson Rest Home	1899	2,500 00												291 63	249 58
Washington Deaconess Home	1890	7,500 00	4,500 00	4					3,464					4,368 99	3,669 69
Wilmington Deaconess Home	1907	666 00		1	5		2		2,292		23	182	92	1,499 03	1,154 38
††Wing Rest Home	1906	1,800 00													
¿Kate Cunningham Rest Cottage	1909														
Totals		$1,323,830 38	$97,648 00	271	63	34	197	84	296,167	2,871	678	42,357	44,199	$283,397 88	$216,251 58
DEACONESS STATIONS.															
Altoona, Pa				2					3,550		1	250		108 00	740 89
**Albuquerque, N. M															
†Bakersfield, Cal				1											
†Berkeley, Cal					1										
Binghamton, N. Y				1					1,317		11			20 36	445 11
‖Burlington, Vt				1											
‡Bartlesville, Okla				1					1,374				450		200 00
‖‖Boise City, Idaho															
Boulder, Colo					1				482		6		40		350 00
††Cameron, Mo									3,208				10		350 00
**Caney, Kans					1										
Carmen, Okla					1				55						400 00
**Chanute, Kans					1										
Cleveland, O					1				818		11			27 30	257 30
**Curranville, Kans				1											
East St. Louis, Ill				1					2,669					75 60	350 00
**Ellsworth District, Kans					1										

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†Work and expenses reported with San Francisco Deaconess Home. ‖Work and expenses reported with E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home.

‡Did not give entire time to the work. ††Deaconess now connected with Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital and so reported.

**Entered upon work since July 1, 1910. ¿No report received. ‖‖ Deaconess reported with Bidwell Deaconess Home, Iowa.

§Eugene, Ore.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Erie, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,092	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	400 00
†Fort Madison, Ia.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350 00
††Goodland, Kans.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	522	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	250 00
Hazelton, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	574	4	27	34	.....	.....	500 00
Indianapolis, Ind	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1,950	.....	1	12	.....	.....	550 10
Lexington, Ky.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	14	.....	.....	2 60	370 00
§Long Beach, Cal.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall Tex.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	242	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250 00
§Monrovia, Cal	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moundsville, W. Va.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,112	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	341 80
Montclair, N. J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	173	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	200 00
*Munden, Kans.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Muscogee, Okla.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350 00
Mount Carmel, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	606	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00
Mount Vernon, Ill	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,069	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	400 00
‡New Castle, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,049	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	391 50
Newark, N. J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	260	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	200 00
*Newman Grove, Nebr.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
§Oakland, Cal.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Oklahoma City, Okla.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350 00
§Pasadena, Cal.	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
§Portland, Ore.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
§Sacramento, Cal	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Salina, Kans.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350 00
§San Jose Cal	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Santa Maria, Cal.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350 00
§San Pedro, Cal.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Scranton, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	209	.....	.....	99	.....	.....	350 00
*Sedalia, Mo.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡St. Johnsbury, Vt.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,491	.....	6	.....	530	.....	340 00
*St. Joseph, Mo.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Louis, Mo.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	514	.....	3	.....	300	.....	300 00
†Tucson Ariz.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350 00
‖Utica, N. Y.	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,133	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	1,500 00
*Wakefield, Kans.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington, Ia.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,434	.....	.....	.....	177	.....	350 00
Waterloo, Ia.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1,178	.....	4	.....	68	.....	350 00
Wilkes Barre, Pa	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,318	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	456 00
†Barre, Vt	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Cincinnati, O.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†York, Neb.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Geneva, N. Y.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Los Angeles (Mission)	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Marcy Home, Chicago	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Monmouth, Ill.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.	.....	.....	.....	36	32	.....	.....	.....	31,424	4	97	440	1,687	$233 86	$12,992 70
Grand Totals	.....	$1,323,830 38	$97,648 00	307	97	34	197	84	327,591	2,875	775	42,797	45,886	$283,631 74	$229,244 28

* Entered upon work since July 1, 1910. ‡ Deaconess now connected with Irene Maitland Deaconess Home and so reported.
† No report received. § Work and expenses reported with San Francisco Deaconess Home.
‖ One deaconess now in Kansas City National Training School and so reported. †† Did not give entire time to the work.

CHINESE WORK.

Home for Chinese Women and Girls, 1918 University Avenue, Berkeley, California.

(Scholarships.—In Home, $70; in Kindergarten, $15.)

More than three years ago the Chinese Bureau stepped blithely out on its building enterprise, thinking it was a short and straight path to the new Oriental Home. The plans for a larger building made it necessary to acquire more land, and the effort to consummate the transfer of that property has led us into a devious pathway. There were obstructions over which we stumbled. There were snags that held us waiting, waiting, waiting for weary months.

The Chinese Bureau has at last received the deeds to the lots on Washington Street, San Francisco, on which the Oriental Home will be built. There remains now the process of law to re-establish the title. This is a proceeding required of all property holders in San Francisco since the great fire of 1906 destroyed the records.

Since we are so near to the realization of our hopes, we beg you, sisters, to be generous with your pledges to our building fund and so smooth the way for the immediate construction of our building.

This has been as successful a year in the Home as we could expect in a building so ill adapted to the work. Miss Davis, the Superintendent, has found the year so full of demands upon her time and strength that it has strained her health almost to the breaking point. There has been, beside the usual routine of work, a number of vexing court cases.

The health of the family has been excellent. Most of the children are attending the public schools; four girls are in the high school. All bring home good report cards, some of them making unusual records. Their teachers praise their studious habits and excellent deportment. For part of the year they were instructed in the Chinese language by Miss Anna Ng, and the lessons will be resumed as soon as possible.

More of the older girls have gone out to domestic service this year than ever before, and they are a credit to the Home and its training. Our little band of singers are still as popular as ever and are called upon for many missionary meetings and Church entertainments.

We have had three weddings. Lily Shem, for some years supported by a scholarship from Des Moines Conference, was married in July. The young man to whom she was married is an Americanized Christian Chinese in a good business in Salt Lake City. We would have been pleased to have had the wedding in the Home, among Lily's friends, but the young man could not get away from business and desired Miss Davis to accompany her to Salt Lake, where a very pretty wedding was given her at the Deaconess Home. Lily is very happily married, and in a letter to the Chinese Bureau expressed her sincere appreciation of what she had received of education and training from them and from the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The week before we left for this convention, Edith, one of the older girls who has been in the Home since childhood, was married to a young Christian Chinese. He is a member of our Mission Church in San Francisco, and another Christian Chinese home has been established.

The third wedding was that of Bo Que, the girl whose escape from slavery and attempt to marry a man of a rival family brought on one of the bitterest Tong wars known in recent years. Bo Que was in the

Home for several months and gave evidence of an interest in things religious. The Church services were a joy to her and she loved to join in the singing of the hymns. She committed to memory a number of Scripture verses. We had hoped to keep her in the Home, for she was bright, and when thoroughly converted could have been of great service. She married the man who had aided her escape. He is a heathen, and we can only hope that the words of Scripture she had made hers will spring up and bear fruit.

Two other girls whose lives had run in the same channel have been in the Home this year. Qui Sim, who was of good family in China, was brought to this country to marry a man of wealth and position. Her dream of happiness was soon swept away and she found herself plunged in a most hateful slavery. For four years she was held in the city of New York. She finally made her escape with the aid of a worker in the East Side parish, and was brought to our Home. She remained there until an opportunity came for her to return to her friends in China.

Fung Seem, who is in the Home at the present time, was a slave, and desiring to make her escape, sought the assistance of a Chinese man. According to plan, she received permission to attend a moving picture show. Slipping away, she met one of our workers on a dark corner and was hurried away to the ferry and across the bay to the home.

A little girl of nine years, overhearing her parents speak of selling her, ran away to the home of her teacher, who called up Miss Davis and asked her to come and get her. After hearing the child's story, Miss Davis felt she should be protected from the conditions she had been under and took out guardianship papers for her. The case came up in court, and in spite of evidence that should have been convincing, and in spite of the child's expressed preference to return to the Home, the judge returned her to her parents.

Recently a little woman came down from Stockton seeking refuge from an abusive husband. Hers is a sad case. Her hope is to prepare herself to be a mission teacher.

The mission school, under the tutelage of Caroline Lee (one of our girls), has proved a great success. She has more pupils than she can well take care of, and they are making marked progress. It is an exceedingly interesting place to visit.

The kindergarten, under Mrs. Hussey, is flourishing, and the children are looking forward with keen anticipation to the time when they will have a room sufficiently large to admit of the sand table "deep and wide" which, through Miss Guernsey's efforts, is to come "from the children for the children."

At the recent session of the Chinese Conference, Bishop Hughes presiding, a reception was given for the bishop. The kindergarten children were all present in their gorgeous Chinese costumes, and sang twice with great gusto. All during the program the bishop's eyes kept wandering to those children. Finally, when he rose to make his response, he said: "This is one of the most beautiful sights I ever looked upon. I never before saw so many Chinese children together, and I have been greatly interested in finding that they wiggle and giggle just as other children do." Then, speaking earnestly, he said, "Brothers, there is your hope and your opportunity." It is true. Passing through the buildings where the people live the halls swarm with children. On the street are many more of a little larger growth, and when one learns that at the last election there were more than four hundred votes cast in San Francisco by American-born Chinese men, it would seem about time to consider seriously what our duty is to them.

During one of the sessions of the Conference, when the pastors were reading their reports, Mr. Chow, the pastor at Sacramento, reported the largest percentage of increase along every line of work of any place in the Conference. After the applause following the report had subsided, I could not resist rising and saying, "Bishop Hughes, I want to call your attention to the fact that you get your best reports from the points where the Woman's Home Missionary Society is at work among the women and children." Mr. Chow has done a noble work at Sacramento, but he has been able to do better and larger things because Mrs. Chow has so successfully reached the women and children. Mrs. Chow is so truly consecrated and has such a winning way of presenting the gospel story that one is not surprised that she has "souls for her hire." In one of her recent reports she says that every child in Sacramento Chinatown is receiving religious instruction.

The wife of Mr. Chan Luk Shan, pastor in San Francisco, will arrive from China this month. She is an educated, cultured Chinese woman, and will at once become our missionary in San Francisco and also teacher of the Chinese language in our mission school.

A larger work will also be opened up in Oakland this year.

We are able to take on a work already established in Watsonville this year, placing a deaconess in charge.

A very successful local work in Monterey will also be handed over to us when we are able to accept it. Miss Nora Bankes, our missionary in Los Angeles, finds her work enlarging. More and more the women and children welcome her instruction and her sympathetic advice. Our work tends largely to the educational, and in the nature of things it must, for so we reach the children. There has been thrown across the gateway of this century in blazing letters, "The child in the midst." The State is waking to its duty toward the children and is bending its energies toward making good American citizens. The Church with all its organized forces, of which the Woman's Home Missionary Society is one of its strongest allies, is making good *Christian* American citizens, and the Chinese Bureau is doing its best to make good *Christian Chinese* American citizens.

Mrs. J. E. Piatt, *Secretary.*

JAPANESE AND KOREAN WORK ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

(Scholarship, $60; Kindergarten, $15.)

As I come to you to-day I represent a vast host of dear little women and children from the Land of the Rising Sun, hundreds of whom have passed under the influence and have been blessed by the work of our Woman's Home Missionary Society. The family sheltered in the Ellen Stark Ford Home, in San Francisco, has had varied experiences. The first great change was when our missionary in charge of the work left her field of labor, to which she had been devoted for the past seven years, to embark upon the sea of matrimony. It was with regrets mingled with joy that Miss Lake laid down the burdens, and I can assure you it was no easy task to find some one qualified in heart and mind and strength to take them up. After several months of prayerful watching and waiting, the dear Lord opened the way before us and led us out to victory. At the earnest request of our Board, your honored President and Miss Bancroft consented to release Miss Mabel Lamb—one of our most successful dea-

conesses, and she has been given a year's leave of absence from deaconess work and appointed missionary in charge of the Ellen Stark Ford Home. Miss Lamb soon won the hearts of the entire family, and one little tot of three years is often found outside her door patiently waiting for a fond embrace and a little petting. We feel confident that Miss Lamb will prove to be the right person in the right place.

Other changes in the personnel of the Home staff have taken place during the year, but now our work goes steadily on and we are winning victories for our Lord. Several of the girls have grown to young womanhood and have stepped out into the world to carry with them the seeds of gospel truth which have found a lodgment in their young hearts and which will grow and bear fruit to God's glory. Their places have been filled by others who greatly need the kind of help we are giving them, and thus the work goes forward—here a little and there a little, and the full results of the work will not be known until the great harvest time shall come. I often think with joy of our workers as the tapestry workers, who see only the seamy side of their work, as they meet many discouragements and difficult problems, often weary in body and sick at heart, but when the last glad day comes what a joyful surprise awaits them when the Master Himself shall reveal to them their finished work!

The members of this household arise at six in the morning and, after dressing, each one has her household duties until the breakfast bell rings; after breakfast is the devotional half hour; from then until school time the entire house is put in order; at 8.30 o'clock fourteen neatly attired and orderly girls start for the grammar schools, where the teachers say they are the model girls in deportment and in many cases they are the brightest they have. One hour is allowed for their return for lunch. At 1.30 the kindergarten, under the efficient management of Miss Edna Rockwood, is opened in the Home; twenty-eight pupils are in attendance—all but six of these coming from outside the Home. At 2.30 the group of fourteen return to at once enter the Japanese school, taught in the Home by Mr. Shimizaki, assistant pastor of the Japanese Church and a gentleman of high Christian character. At the close of this school, at 5 o'clock, a half hour is taken for recreation. At 5.30 dinner is announced, at the close of which the evening devotion is held for the little ones, and later the older members of the family. After their lessons are studied, they gather for devotions before retiring for the night at 9.30. This is the daily routine of a busy and a happy family.

Our second house is located, as you all know, in Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii. The work here is the same as is being carried on in San Francisco. This work goes steadily forward under the faithful superintendency of Mrs. Metta S. Mack. The success of this Home has been marvelous, all things considered. With great resources a much greater work could be accomplished where the Orientals are in such vast numbers. The greatest need at the present time is a free kindergarten and day nursery. Mrs. Mack is in attendance at this annual meeting and is representing her work by a series of illustrated addresses, hoping in this way to arouse greater interest in her work.

Our third Home is located in Los Angeles, California, and I am glad to be able to report that since our last general meeting the Woman's Home Missionary Society has been the recipient of a most generous gift from Mr. and Mrs. Couch—a beautiful house of eight rooms with all modern improvements has been purchased and deeded to this Society as a memorial to Mr. Couch's mother, and will be known as the "Jane Couch's Memorial Home." For a number of years Miss Anderson has carried on a work among the Japanese residents of Los Angeles by visiting from house to

house. About two years ago a small cottage was rented, but this was found to be too small, and a new home stands as a monument to the liberality of our good friends whose hearts are in the work for God and humanity.

I plead for an appropriation sufficient to meet the needs of this Home. I know the women of Methodism will never fail us as we try to carry on this work in Los Angeles. I plead for an appropriation sufficient to increase the work in Honolulu so that a kindergarten department can be added to the present lines of work, and I ask the women of Methodism to hold up their hands and cheer the hearts of our general officers by increasing their gifts. I plead, O! so strongly, for the crying need of our San Francisco work in adding to our present force of workers a Christian Japanese woman to visit the Japanese in their homes and carry to them the message of God's wonderful love. Won't you help us, dear sisters, by doing your part in hastening in the glad day when our Christ is going to reign in every heart?

MRS. C. B. PERKINS, *Secretary.*

PORTO RICO.

The George O. Robinson Orphanage, San Juan, Porto Rico.

(Scholarship, $40.)

Many changes have come to us in our Porto Rican Bureau during the past year. The personnel of our teaching force has undergone a complete change. Miss Dora Wagner and Miss Rebecca Hammond, after completing the school year, returned to the States. In July our own "Sallie Gill," after five years of the most devoted service as teacher of sewing and domestic science, came home to take another name and grace a new home. The beautiful wedding occurred at the Bancroft Rest Home early in August. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. S. Woodruff, D. D., and the bride was given away by Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff. The prayers and good wishes of hosts of Woman's Home Missionary Circles followed Mr. and Mrs. James Harmon as they left for their Chicago home. Thus Miss Hegeman, our ever faithful Superintendent, was the only one remaining of last year's workers. She was glad to welcome our two teachers who had just graduated from Rust Hall—Miss May Osmond and Miss Alice Melchinger. Until the opening of our day schools Miss Melchinger assisted at the Orphanage. Miss Alice Johnson, of Baltimore, will go as teacher of sewing as soon as possible. We still need a teacher of domestic science. The difficulty of securing teachers for a tropical climate for twelve months in the year is a serious problem.

The health and lives of our Island family have been precious to the Great Father and they have been preserved to us.

In September the tornado which swept over the island on the northwest resulted in some damage to our property. The roof of our cottage was partially taken off and the babies had a drenching, from which, however, there were no serious results. The damage will soon be repaired.

How we long to enlarge our work here! We ought to have support and accommodations for many more girls, for the waiting list for entrance is larger than the number of girls in our beautiful Robinson Orphanage.

One year ago we brought to the Training School at Washington, D. C., Mercedes Nunez and Eloisa Rivera. At the close of the school year we were pleased with the work they had accomplished and felt that this experiment would be a success, believing we had been directed by an All-wise Providence. For three months the young women were in the home of the Bureau Secretary, and we were more thoroughly convinced of the possibilities which more training would develop. For this year and possibly another we hope to have them remain in the States, each preparing for a life of usefulness and devotion to God's service. We thank all who have assisted us, and solicit your help for another year.

Day Schools in Porto Rico.

(Scholarship, $15.)

Under the efficient care of Mrs. Elma Allen our day schools have done splendid service. In San Juan she has had the assistance of Miss Jennie Wagner, who for two years has rendered excellent service. It is with deep regret that we record the fact that both these faithful women have been under the necessity of relinquishing this work. As Superintendent of this work Mrs. Allen has given four years' conscientious service. Miss Alice Melchinger has taken this very responsible position and is proving the value of training of our great National Training Schools.

McKinley Kindergarten and Kindergarten Training School.

During the reign of the "Cornet" this year our school here suffered in attendance. The parents feared to allow the children on the streets, for the priest had told them harm would come to them. As they learned in our school of God's care over them, their alarm faded away and they will not forget the lessons of faith taught them.

The training class continued throughout the year with success. During this year six of our Robinson Orphanage girls are in this training class and thus may be prepared for useful lives among their own people.

Fisk Day School, Ponce, Porto Rico.

Next to McKinley Kindergarten this is our strongest day school. We are in rooms rented for our work. In this most modern of all Porto Rican cities we should have a building of our own with proper equipment for a larger work. The need for industrial classes is great. We urge all our Auxiliaries to help with our Ponce Building Fund.

Vieques Day School.

Vieques Island.

The work on this island has prospered under the guidance of Miss Agostini. This school has now been entered for a small unconditional appropriation, but we need and must have a large number of $15 scholarships.

Puerta de Tierra Kindergarten.

For the past year progress has been at this point, and we hope to have a stronger school in the near future. Our opportunities are limitless, but our activities are limited for lack of means here as elsewhere.

As this year we study "Advance in the Antilles," we are hoping for a larger interest in the island work in Southern Seas. As we study, the

vision must come to us of need and corresponding responsibility. L. C. Barnes says: "Porto Rico and Paradise begin with the same letter. The coincidence does not end with the initials. With two or three features changed—features in which the process of change has now begun—Porto Rico would be a heaven on earth. God *and* man have made the Island what it is. So far as God made it, it is already a paradise." Shall we not have our part in making it a veritable paradise as our great Woman's Home Missionary Society shall see the visions of *Need* and Responsibility?

(Mrs.) May Leonard Woodruff, *Secretary.*

SPANISH WORK ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Frances M. DePauw Spanish Industrial School, 4840 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Scholarship, $60.)

The sudden death of our beloved and inspired house mother, Mrs. A. M. Whitson, takes from us what seems in our sense of loss to have been both hub and tire of our undertaking.

Having been away from California since last July, it is impossible for me to give more than an incomplete and necessarily fragmentary report. Our field is so large, extending over eight hundred miles north and south and the width of the State with now and then a call from Mexico itself, that only a meager idea can be given in the limited space of our year book. The last year has been unusually successful. We have had sixty girls enrolled, with an average attendance of fifty-seven. Three girls graduated last June with honors. One of them has entered the University of Southeast California this fall. Another is devoting her time to her music, for which she has much talent, and will be a home missionary among her own people.

Our teachers in the various departments have been enthusiastic and faithful in their work. During the past year there has been one death in the school, the first in its history, and we have greatly appreciated the fact that a hospital is on the ground furnished and fully equipped. The child had diphtheria, and but for our hospital, which enabled us to care for her without exposing the other girls, we might have had an epidemic.

Although the Conferences and individuals have responded loyally to calls for help, the numerous applications for admission exceed the amount pledged by them. We would make an earnest plea that more of our sisters take this work on their hearts and send us $60 for some dear girl in our Western Spanish Home.

For a more extended account of the work done in our school, I can not do better than refer you to a very excellent article in the September issue of *Woman's Home Missions.* I will close with a quotation from that article:

"Because of the fact that there are 85,000 Mexicans in Southern California, each child who can be accommodated in the two Christian schools for them, Methodist and Presbyterian, must represent a thousand of her race—one in a thousand to learn something of cleanliness, order, and purity; to get some, even small, idea of home-making, with its pure ideals; to have an opportunity for acquiring the common school education, and to get any pure, saving knowledge of our Christ and His work!"

Mrs. S. S. Holmes, *Secretary.*

MISSION SUPPLIES.

True happiness must have as its basis Christian manhood and womanhood, and is so closely allied to the Christ principle of helpfulness as to be inseparable from it. We can easily compute in numbers the amount of money, either in cash or new goods, contributed this year to the supply work of our Society, but we can not estimate the happiness which has come to the Christian women of our Auxiliaries who have had a share in the giving of time and money to this great work.

A Montana minister in a recent letter said: "If the Woman's Home Missionary Society knew how comforting and how helpful their barrels are, they would realize that their work is far-reaching. These annual remembrances go a long way toward the success of the year. I have seen the beneficial effects of your great organization in innumerable instances. God bless you in your work."

I also quote from a letter from Idaho, "Some of us home missionaries could scarcely get along at all without the splendid help given us by the consecrated workers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and what would become of this great Northwest without the home missionary?"

Truly, "The quality of mercy is doubly blessed, in blessing him that gives and him that takes."

Through the efforts of our ever faithful Conference Supply Secretaries 606 appeals for ministers and their families were placed, and the needs of our homes, schools, and hospitals were looked after. There was sent out in cash and new goods, $72,146.30. Of this amount frontier ministers received $34,410.44. There was expended for freight, $2,095.86; 5,556 books were contributed.

We have done well, I think, but is it all we can do? I am sure it is not.

Our Queen Esther girls are learning the secret of the inner life, that, "We do ourselves the most good doing something for others: the heart that goes out of itself gets large and full," and they are taking up this work. One Queen Esther Circle sent the banner barrel of their Conference, cash value of which was $104, including a fur overcoat.

The Conference Supply Secretary writes, "Send them a large family to care for this winter; they are splendid."

When our girls with youthful strength and hope work with our Auxiliaries, composed of women of experience and courage, we can attain to the highest.

The words of a dear old familiar hymn come to me, and with Charles Wesley I say, Auxiliaries, Queen Esthers, all:

"Come let us anew our journey pursue;
Roll round with the year,
And never stand still till the Master appear;
His adorable will let us gladly fulfill,
And our talents improve
By the patience of hope and the labor of love."

Report by Conferences.

	Cash.	Books.
Austin	$130 35	10
Baltimore	2,509 24	156
Central Illinois	725 62	34
Central New York	1,900 14	592
Central Ohio	1,287 49	165

	Cash.	Books.
Central Pennsylvania	1,184 51	...
Cincinnati	1,832 70	...
California	1,181 45	...
Colorado	2,584 69	110
Columbia River	174 80	5
Delaware	124 25	...
Des Moines	2,737 53	84
Detroit	1,864 16	...
East Ohio	1,568 62	130
Erie	1,849 89	28
Genesee	2,402 36	...
Holston	11 00	...
Idaho	25 70	...
Illinois	1,987 85	23
Indiana	713 11	220
Iowa	206 94	...
Kansas	406 30	...
Kentucky	175 78	20
Lexington	25 54	...
Maine	482 77	...
Michigan	593 34	31
Minnesota	727 66	...
Missouri	25 75	...
Nebraska	496 28	...
Newark	3,753 52	128
New England	644 29	91
New England Southern	400 22	31
New Hampshire	82 69	...
New Jersey	1,186 77	236
New York	3,662 43	190
New York East	1,810 34	123
North Dakota	354 10	...
North Indiana	1,146 67	388
North Ohio	1,359 95	15
Northwest Indiana	984 82	217
Northwest Iowa	888 07	23
Northwest Kansas	25 00	...
North Nebraska	495 19	10
Northern Minnesota	848 35	...
Northern New York	1,056 89	57
Ohio	1,360 67	71
Oklahoma	184 42	...
Oregon	650 00	...
Philadelphia	4,149 10	423
Pittsburg	3,170 26	15
Puget Sound	210 04	655
Rock River	2,319 00	32
St. Louis	1,044 00	...
St. John's River	18 42	...
South Kansas	310 84	...
Southwest Kansas	529 93	55
Southern California	1,634 09	...
Southern Illinois	1,522 85	147
Troy	2,871 81	18
Upper Iowa	530 67	25

	Cash.	Books.
Utah Mission	89 20	20
Vermont	201 91	...
West Nebraska	20 05	...
West Virginia	627 15	93
West Wisconsin	142 07	...
Wilmington	387 76	...
Wisconsin	347 82	26
Wyoming	1,047 39	426
Washington	142 13	...
Totals	$72,146 30	5,556

Mrs. E. Y. King, *Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

In reviewing the work of the past year we desire to emphasize the faithful and zealous work of our Secretaries. It is a very pleasant duty of the Secretary to publicly acknowledge the cordial co-operation of her co-laborers.

History is being made every day. At some moment, in some place, the seed of our work is being planted and is spreading throughout all parts of this our beloved land, and thousands of young minds have received an impetus toward the higher development of the Christian life. We need you, young people, with your ambitions, your confidence, and you enthusiasm. In *your* lexicon there is no such word as "fail."

In the future it will be your privilege, responsibilty, and joy to PLAN, DIRECT, and CARRY FORWARD the great work of this department.

We bring some of our sheaves with us to-night. We have the great pleasure of reporting new work in five Conferences, namely: Idaho, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Arizona Mission, and West Nebraska, and a reconstruction in the Columbia River and Delaware Conferences. We desire to send our congratulations to these Conferences, assuring them a warm welcome and the hearty support of the department.

We now have organized work in seventy Conferences, and according to reports a membership of 26,443, an increase of 3,259, with 213 new organizations this year. We believe we have more, but on account of the great difficulty in securing correct statistics, we are not justified in reporting a larger number.

The total receipts for our department amount to $45,106.82. It affords us much pleasure to award the flag to the Philadelphia Conference for having raised the largest amount of money ($3,356.10), notwithstanding the fact that it has graduated one of its largest Circles into a Conference Auxiliary which calls itself Auxiliary No. 2. This Conference receives the flag for the third year in succession, and we know the Young People, with their devoted Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Hudson, have worked hard, not simply for the honor of carrying the flag home again, but for the glory of God and the uplift of humanity.

The banner for the largest gift of a Queen Esther Circle goes to the Queen Esther of the Foundry Church of the city of Washington, D. C., Baltimore Conference; the amount is $930.86.

The banner for the largest proportionate increase goes to a Conference which has more than doubled its membership, and an increase of

159 per cent in its receipts—Indiana. We send felicitations to Miss Leo C. Stephenson and her co-workers. We were asked to raise in two years, beginning July 15, 1908, the sum of $10,000 for Building and Improvement Fund. We have raised during this period $7,744.40. We ask the co-operation of the Conference Secretaries to help their young people to raise the balance. A number of our Queen Esthers have graduated into Young Woman's Auxiliaries. This course is strongly recommended wherever practicable. We are glad to report some work accomplished in conjunction with the Young Women's Christian Association in colleges. Especially would we mention the efforts of Miss Barge, Mrs. Hill, and Miss Stacks at the Summer Conferences of the Young Women's Christian Association. Many college girls were induced to decide upon deaconess and missionary training; also to teach Home Mission classes in colleges, Churches, seminaries, and normal schools.

Many Conferences have elected new Secretaries during the past year, and we appeal to the Conference Corresponding Secretaries to give them the benefit of their experience. Let us take up the work of the coming year with enthusiasm and consecration, and as Carlyle expresses, let us "make the goal of yesterday the starting-point of to-morrow." We are on the mountain top to-night; to-morrow we go down to the plains where souls are being lost because we, perhaps, have not done our part. Will we not, as a body of young people, rise to the great opportunity that lies before us? The Lord has surely opened the door inward for us, and we must enter and take possession.

In concluding my report I want to leave one seed-thought with you:

"An angel paused in his onward flight
With a seed of love and truth and right,
And said, O! where can this seed be sown
Where 't will yield most fruit when fully grown?
To whom can this precious seed be given
That it will bear most fruit for earth and heaven?
The Savior heard and said, as He smiled,
Place it at once in the heart of a child.
The angel whispered the blessed truth
To a weary teacher of precious youth:
Her face grew bright with heavenly light
As she led their thoughts in the way of right."

Mrs. David Dailey, Jr., *Secretary.*

STATISTICAL REPORT, DEPARTMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

CONFERENCES.	Queen Esther Circles, Home Mission Circles, Young People's Home Mission-ary Societies, Young Woman's Auxiliary.	Members	Dues	Scholarships or Student Aid	Other Funds	Free-will Building Fund or Thank-offering	Supplies	Total
Alabama	6	80	$20 50		$2 00			$22 50
Atlanta		46	8 00					8 00
Arizona Mission	4	32		$60 00				60 00
Baltimore	31	831	366 37	$481 10	1,457 41	$304 22	$298 31	2,907 41
California	25	135	52 00	280 86	15 65	81 80	105 35	535 66
Central Illinois	16	332	136 65	249 60	57 86		17 00	461 11
Central New York	30	613	250 26	496 00	19 25	80 56	176 15	1,022 22
Central Ohio	34	763	248 28	292 83	48 82	293 71	76 86	960 50
Central Pennsylvania	34	727	228 55	207 62	414 35	48 00	58 76	957 28
Cincinnati	29	758	367 15	450 62	323 42	286 29	234 69	1,662 17
Colorado	24	408	126 80	71 40	52 41	23 87	145 32	419 80
Columbia River	10	193	21 05		1 25	10 00	10 00	42 30
Des Moines	37	568	164 91	555 48	22 44	38 51	20 05	801 39
Delaware	6	76	19 53	21 50	1 00	5 00		47 03
Detroit	56	1,122	336 15	1,000 12	52 37	122 34	16 39	1,527 37
East Ohio	41	784	421 17	1,057 59	172 05	61 07	213 50	1,925 38
Erie	31	790	164 66	585 62	267 79	162 10	64 39	1,244 56
Genesee	28	484	144 83	90 00	626 53	25 50	75 00	961 86
Holston	4	85	22 50		30 00	69 63		122 13
Illinois	35	764	306 25	720 37	42 21	6 00	116 32	1,191 15
Indiana	24	406	88 40	275 00	109 65	213 60	100 40	787 05
Iowa	17	285	105 62	123 00	63 55	1 50		293 67
Idaho—American Falls Q. E	1	13	5 90					5 90
Kansas	11	212	64 95	163 91	5 00			233 86
Kentucky	3	75	45 75	70 00	21 55	100 74		238 04
Lexington	7	45	3 39		50			3 89
Little Rock	7	85	45 00	20 00	94 20	42 00	36 50	237 70
Maine	16	316	68 80	37 50	7 40			113 70
Michigan	18	290	127 80	241 00	32 68	23 50	3 50	428 48
Minnesota	36	750	174 20	39 00	271 65		95 20	580 05
Missouri	1	10	1 00					1 00
Nebraska	19	362	81 88	205 83		48 00	22 00	357 71
Newark	25	411	161 84	331 75			30 40	523 99
New England	28	380	110 00	130 00	8 95	100 00	10 00	358 95
New England Southern	9	136	39 20	45 00		15 00	2 00	101 20
New Hampshire	7	151	30 95	105 00	12 50	17 00	25 70	191 15
New Jersey	27	595	281 40	522 89	162 86	75 00	150 64	1,192 79
New York	13	300	100 00	288 50	20 00	140 00	200 00	748 50
New York East	24	490	294 07	1,160 00	299 68	52 25	179 34	1,985 34
North Dakota	6	147	25 00	70 00		9 80	6 00	110 80
North Indiana	51	991	272 97	894 50	40 35	268 35	150 00	1,626 17
North Nebraska	14	170	95 07	43 28	27 53	16 52		182 40
North Ohio	24	567	161 73	171 00	28 00	37 50	49 50	447 73
Northern Minnesota	17	349	127 64	409 31	54 42	18 31	67 75	677 43
Northern New York	22	475	211 89	175 00	207 04	11 70	175 60	781 23
Northwest Indiana	19	380	180 28	272 70	107 40	257 09	99 85	917 32
Northwest Iowa	24	290	113 63	80 00	50 55	142 67	92 12	478 97
Ohio	22	488	180 20	170 48	58 81	165 51	101 08	676 08
Oklahoma	6	89	13 75	9 00	12 58	35 00	28 00	98 33
Oregon	7	200	28 50		12 30	22 46		63 26
Philadelphia	39	883	332 59	374 11	1,374 87	286 60	987 93	3,356 10
Pittsburg	34	726	329 04	215 00	34 00	173 20	74 83	826 07
Puget Sound	22	451	146 87	146 05	66 42	20 55	18 50	398 39
Rock River	37	595	322 54	1,109 59	27 55		378 79	1,829 47
St. Louis	15	289	129 94	461 19	114 13		149 21	854 47
South Kansas	11	300	88 22	242 00	76 36			406 58
Southern California	32	895	319 55	441 00	723 87	139 15	125 00	1,748 57
Southern Illinois	24	258	100 00	75 00	25 00	65 34	222 56	487 90
Southwest Kansas	23	588	166 07	386 61	165 29	26 20	75 10	819 27
St. Johns River	2	29	2 88		22			3 10
Troy	41	846	365 22	416 50	155 92	62 23	110 00	1,109 87
Upper Iowa	18	364	145 27	55 00	49 83	131 00	56 75	437 85
Vermont	5	145	12 50	55 50	5 00			73 00
Washington	7	120	39 00	5 00	30 00		100 00	174 00
West Nebraska	4		7 00					7 00
West Virginia	18	160	80 24	83 10	22 78	3 22	79 50	268 84
West Wisconsin	10	161	43 36	45 00	9 97	30 00		128 33
Wilmington	13	264	132 25	150 00	50 95	68 00		401 20
Wisconsin	3	30	15 00	35 00	20 65		15 59	86 24
Wyoming	22	350	93 21	169 50		60 00	45 35	368 06
Total	1,366	26,443	$9,517 17	$17,130 51	$8,268 77	$4,497 59	$5,692 78	$45,106 82

MRS. DAVID DAILEY, JR., *Secretary.*

HOME GUARDS AND MOTHERS' JEWELS.

Bird's-eye views are out of date. Airships fly higher than birds, and command broader prospects. So we ask you to take passage in a mental aeroplane, that you may see for yourselves something of the work done by our Guards and Jewels during the fiscal year of 1909-10.

Note, first, the great divisions of this department—more than fifty organized Conferences, each with a Conference Secretary primarily responsible for the success of the work under her charge. A closer look will show District Secretaries and local leaders. But there is no need of calling your special attention to the tens of thousands of Jewels and Guards, proudly wearing our colors, marching to the music of their rallying-call,

"We're for Home Missions, we are, we are!"

and giving reverent salute to Old Glory, as they cry,

"All hail the flag! God bless our land!
We claim it all, from strand to strand,
For Christ our King."

But look still closer. Here is a company of Home Guards doing their work in such a businesslike way that their pastor sees its value as an object-lesson and asks them to repeat their report at a Sunday morning service—which he follows by a special sermon to them. (Query: Has your pastor visited your Home Guards?)

"Where is Thayer Home? In Tennessee, is it not?" The questioner is the President of an Auxiliary and an officer in the State society.

"I'm not quite sure," is the reply. "But call up one of the Home Guards. They can tell you."

"The children's society is making the mothers think they can do something," writes a leader. "Now that they are sharing in the scholarships for little Helen, the Auxiliary has decided to raise something for Student Aid, and would like to have its money go to the same school."

Out in Chicago the tireless leader of the Conference work has her hand on settlements and camp-meetings. Listen!

"I have given four outings in the month of August." Too hot to work with your own Guards or Jewels was it? But it was not too severe for this intrepid leader to marshal the children and adults of the Italian Mission at Joliet, with the flag of their fatherland waving over them and each carrying the flag of their adopted country. Listen to the camp children as they march to meet the alien procession, led by the cornetist, singing "America" in English while their guests sing it in Italian. Alien, did I say? Nay, they are Americans, if not to the manner born—and Americans largely because one brave woman, aided by others no less faithful, has loved them into citizenship. Can you match this record of thirty-five Italians attending a Methodist camp-meeting?

The mother of two little Jewels of her "very own" takes up the Conference work in a frontier State "for love's sweet sake"—but she was a Queen Esther girl, and so, of course, comes to the Kingdom "for such a time as this."

"To-day we will learn how to do things in the right way," says a leader. Motions relating to all sorts of imaginary projects are made, seconded, and carried, and in half an hour of what seems like play the company of bright young girls is entirely ready to change from play to earnest and conduct the further business of the day in correct Parliamentary fashion.

"Can we keep our little girl another year? The children have become so interested in her. She seems to belong to us." Letters like this are an index of the nearly $4,000 paid by the Guards and Jewels for Student Aid alone the past year.

But some one asks, "Are all the views rose-tinted?" O, no! I could show you many a picture of childless Auxiliaries—poor, lonely, and crippled—mourning because it is not God's way to open the doors and windows of heaven and send down a ministering angel to lead their children for the cause they claim to love—forgetting that in God's plan love means sacrifice. For some of you it might seem like looking into a mirroring lake and seeing your own reflection there.

I might ask you to listen to a wailing cry from Secretaries seeking in vain to secure reports that will enable them in turn to do justice to the faithful workers. But their cry is lost in the quiet of God's great peace when they remember that "He that reapeth receiveth wages," even if his labors are known only to the Master of the harvest.

The fruitage is not all visible from the dizzy height of our aeroplane. Some of it is in its earliest stage—just "set," as the fruit-growers say. Who can tell to what it may attain after years of slow but steady growth? Who can measure its possibilities save the sower, by the magnifying lens of faith, and He who gives the harvest increase?

Some of the visible results appear thus: Increase over amount paid last year into the General Fund, $820.93; Student Aid increase, $631.09; gain in amount for other lines of our work, $204.59. There was a slight decrease in the amount received from Junior Leagues and Sunday schools, but the total reported receipts from the children are $10,255.77, a gain over last year's total of $1,399.65.

The Home Guard banner for the greatest per cent of gain in paid Home Guard membership is won by Cincinnati Conference. The greatest per cent of gain in total amount paid by the children is found in three Illinois Conferences, Central Illinois having made a gain of 103 per cent, Illinois of 118 per cent, and Southern Illinois of 138 per cent, which entitles it to the custody of the flag for the ensuing year. Only Conferences sending official reports and raising not less than $50 in all, or $25 Home Guard dues, are entitled to compete for these awards. Twenty-nine out of the forty-nine Conferences reporting have made marked gains in money contributed for the work.

A tribute passing words that I can give is due to our faithful workers.

"O, hearts that ache so earnest true
For strengthening and for saving,
Heaven send your hopings back to you
Filled with celestial having."

Financial Report For Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels.

Conferences.	General Fund.	Students' Aid.	Other Funds.	Jun. Leag's and S. S.	Total.
California	$50 65	$15 00	$18 00	.....	$83 65
Central Illinois	31 75	77 08	.....	.....	108 83
Central New York	140 56	37 16	86 00	.....	263 72
Central Ohio	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Pennsylvania	93 92	81 51	.....	.....	175 43
Cincinnati	165 86	179 92	161 80	$20 85	528 43
Colorado	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia River	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Des Moines	132 78	85 43	6 29	12 00	236 50

Financial Report for Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels.—Continued.

Conferences.	General Fund.	Students' Aid.	Other Funds.	Jun. Leag's and S. S.	Total.
Detroit	.....	.....	.....	.....	154 00
East Ohio	154 89	393 03	35 00	22 00	604 92
Erie	23 25	73 93	123 81	.....	220 99
Genesee	98 19	66 00	59 01	16 00	239 20
Illinois	66 28	86 07	.....	.....	152 35
Iowa	52 38	.....	.....	.....	52 38
Indiana	256 59	197 72	127 65	56 95	638 91
Kansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 82
Kentucky	2 75	15 00	.....	5 90	23 65
Little Rock	7 80	16 50	44 00	.....	68 30
Maine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Michigan	120 15	65 00	20 81	.....	205 96
Minnesota	39 65	26 30	.....	.....	65 95
Missouri	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska	62 78	45 00	.....	.....	107 78
Newark	90 35	224 47	20 11	.....	334 93
New England	123 88	23 00	48 30	4 96	200 14
New England Southern	20 89	23 10	9 00	.....	52 99
New Hampshire	23 35	18 07	.....	5 00	46 42
New Jersey	67 28	58 59	21 99	.....	147 86
New York	25 00	65 88	339 00	.....	429 88
New York East	42 30	111 00	23 30	85 00	261 60
North Dakota	6 20	25 00	.....	.....	31 20
North Indiana	99 90	.....	.....	.....	99 90
North Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Ohio	74 34	39 50	.....	.....	113 84
Northern Minnesota	27 75	36 75	4 00	3 50	72 00
Northern New York	109 84	94 57	14 00	10 00	228 41
Northwest Indiana	102 19	85 45	.....	.....	187 64
Northwest Iowa	59 78	54 00	5 00	.....	118 78
Northwest Kansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northwest Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio	76 60	26 60	77 50	.....	180 70
Oklahoma	22 85	8 04	.....	.....	30 89
Oregon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Philadelphia	42 14	112 15	72 35	.....	226 64
Pittsburg	107 13	126 75	36 50	5 00	275 38
Puget Sound	56 25	140 52	.....	.....	196 77
Rock River	347 71	475 03	86 99	.....	909 73
St. Louis	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southern California	467 28	92 75	109 62	.....	669 65
Southern Illinois	68 48	57 82	4 25	27 00	157 55
Southwest Kansas	52 05	49 26	5 50	.....	106 81
Troy	28 80	118 02	6 68	.....	153 50
Upper Iowa	83 55	.....	41 99	.....	125 54
Vermont	22 96	22 97	32 75	.....	78 68
West Virginia	16 75	33 38	19 50	.....	69 63
West Wisconsin	20 95	20 00	30 00	.....	70 95
Wilmington	143 09	43 17	.....	5 00	191 26
Wisconsin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wyoming	141 51	266 10	49 62	27 50	484 73
Totals	$4,071 38	$3,912 59	$1,740 32	$306 66	$10,255 77

(Miss) Alice M. Guernsey, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

The year has been spent in the Northwest and Pacific Coast Conferences. It was a great pleasure to organize some strong Auxiliaries in what were a few years ago struggling frontier Churches, to whose pastors we were sending fur overcoats and supply barrels. These pastors are loyal supporters and friends of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and cordially welcomed its representative.

I organized the North Montana Conference with a good set of officers, and formed Auxiliaries in the two largest Churches in the Conference. This Conference is only three years old.

I also organized the Montana Conference with a complete corps of officers, and they have nearly trebled the number of Auxiliaries and have some splendid Children's Societies.

The Columbia River Conference is rapidly coming to the front. They have more than doubled the number of Auxiliaries and Circles and are still growing.

I organized the Spokane District, and the Conference is well officered.

Puget Sound has reached the highest mark in her history. The women have launched work among the Italians and Japanese within the bounds of their Conference and are ready to do aggressive work along all lines. The Young People's and Children's Work is in good hands and rapidly developing. The twenty-three Queen Esther Circles have one of their number here as a delegate.

Oregon has had the best year in her history. The Young People's Work is in the hands of good Conference and District Secretaries, and they plan to do aggressive work. We now have a strong constituency in all of these Conferences and rejoice with them in the prospect for much greater work this year.

Our supply barrels and prayers have been as good seed sown in good ground, and we are now reaping the harvest.

But there is still great need for our supplies, for Methodism faces her largest opportunity here in the last stand of our great frontier and we must stand by the heroic preachers and their wives who are bravely winning this great region for our Christ. Unless one has been over the ground it is not possible to realize the vastness of the territory and how impossible it is even to attempt District or Conference meetings in many cases. The last district on which I traveled in Montana extends 678 miles in a straight line, or as far as from Chicago to Syracuse. New railroads are being built all through the district, and new towns are springing up as if by magic. Into one section of this district, about 125 miles long, there have come in six months' time eighteen thousand new settlers representing six thousand families, who are to make their homes in the thirteen new railroad towns and many rural communities. Unless some provision is made for building churches and supporting pastors, these people will have no chance to hear the gospel. Into another section in twelve months' time thirty new railroad towns have been built, and the District Superintendent has no money to plant the gospel and hold this section for God.

One pastor in this same Conference organized a class of eleven members and built a church, and in one year's time two thousand new settlers came to make their homes within the bounds of this circuit. We rejoice to know that the Church was there first. The whole problem of Home Missions takes on a new meaning when we face such conditions.

The loyal women who are deprived of the privilege of Conference and District Meetings and the inspiration which comes from personal contact with those of like purpose need our prayers and need the help of our field workers. They are noble women and are doing their best to advance the work of the Lord.

While I was not able to give a large part of my time to the work among the young people (except in the California Conferences), yet I feel sure that in all that section we shall have large results in this department, for a good foundation has been laid.

There are two essentials that must be provided before we are justified in organizing the young people, except in rare cases. The first essential is a good environment, and can be furnished only by a live Auxiliary. The second is wise leadership. I have tried to develop good Auxiliaries as a foundation upon which to build our Young People's work. Very much also depends upon the manner in which the work is presented to young people. They are accustomed to businesslike methods, clearly defined plans, and system in business, in school, and in college, and will not enter heartily into any line of Christian work which lacks these elements. When they understand the work and how much they are needed, they are eager to help.

I have met and instructed twenty-eight Conference and District Young People's Secretaries; held eleven Young People's rallies and three Workers' Conferences; attended and addressed two Epworth League conventions and one Sunday school convention; spoke seven times in colleges and twice at Young Women's Christian Association meetings; addressed fifteen Epworth League meetings and nineteen Sunday schools; attended two Young Women's Christian Association summer conferences; taught fourteen sessions of Home Mission Study classes with an enrollment of 105 college girls, and held special meetings with Methodist girls; spoke to students in San Francisco Training School; attended thirty-eight regular Queen Esther meetings and two Home Guard meetings. I secured sixty-five Mothers' Jewels, fifty-seven Jewel life members, fifty Home Guards, and 280 Queen Esthers.

In addition to this definite work with the young people, I attended and addressed nine Annual Conferences, three District Preachers' Conferences, five Conference meetings, and twelve District meetings, eleven Executive Board meetings, eighty-three regular Auxiliary meetings, eighty-one regular Sunday services, and forty-two mid-week prayer-meetings. The work of organization includes two Conferences, one District, twenty-eight Auxiliaries, one Young Woman's Society, twenty-two Circles, four Home Guards, and nine Jewel Bands.

I have traveled 22,654 miles, visited 177 Churches, and spoke 383 times, and secured 839 Auxiliary members, 216 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and 102 to *Children's Home Missions*.

(Miss) Carrie Barge.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

With no experience in this line of work except that of a tither, I began the duties of my new office one year ago with fear and trembling, for the field seemed so vast and the laborers so few.

The year has gone, and what of the harvest?

God has wonderfully blessed my own heart and life through the work I have done for His cause, and already I see promise of a coming harvest from the efforts put forth to advance His plan of finance.

I find a growing interest in the subject of tithing throughout the country, and a deep longing in the hearts of many Christians to see God's tenth universally acknowledged.

What can you and I do toward bringing this about? God help each one to answer this question honestly—for personal responsibilty can not be evaded!

From the list sent to me by my worthy predecessor and from new appointments secured during the year. I am able to report that thirty-seven Conferences have Secretaries of Systematic Beneficence. This is a small numbr, however, when we remember that there are more than one hundred Conferences. Is your Conference among the thirty-seven?

Not all Conference Secretaries of Systematic Beneficence have reported to me, but excellent reports have been received from the following: Mrs. O. C. Bedford, Michigan Conference; Miss Bertha C. Price, Southern Kansas Conference; Mrs. M. A. Harlan, Northern Indiana Conference; Mrs. Katherine B. Patterson, New Mexico Conference; Mrs. N. J. Mendenhall, East Ohio Conference; Mrs. M. D. Sanford, Central New York Conference; Mrs. J. L. Stratton, Erie Conference; Mrs. J. A. Oaster, Northern New York Conference; Mrs. Winifred Shepler, New England Conference; Mrs. Mary B. Philpott, Central Ohio Conference; Mrs. E. P. Hudson, Des Moines Conference; Mrs. L. J. Stanton, Kansas Conference; Mrs. S. H. Enyeart, Southern California Conference; Mrs. C. A. Gould, Nebraska Conference. As these reports vary in the data given, I will not attempt a tabulated or statistical summary of them. I hope to be able to give such a summary next year.

I desire to make special mention of the very complete and excellent report made by Miss Bertha C. Price, Kansas Conference, and to commend the splendid work done by Mrs. O. C. Bedford in Michigan Conference. She has traveled extensively in her Conference in the interests of the Society in general and this Bureau in particular, lecturing on tithing, organizing tithing bands, and distributing literature.

To advance our work it is necessary that we have a Secretary of Systematic Beneficence in every Conference, who in turn must secure a Secretary in each district, whose duty it is to secure a Secretary in each Auxiliary in her district. These Secretaries should get the subject of tithing before the Church at large through the pulpit and press, from convention platforms, and by the distribution of literature and by training the children in giving. Just here let me emphasize the importance of educating the young on the subject of tithing. Youth is the most neglected field of labor on this subject, and yet it is the most promising and important. Let us not forget to teach the children that the tenth is holy unto the Lord.

I sincerely hope that at our next General Conference a memorial will be presented with sufficient influence back of it to induce that body to indorse tithing and recommend its teaching in every department of our great Church.

Let every member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society *practice* tithing, *talk* tithing, and *work* for tithing, asking God's blessing daily on this sacred duty, and the labors and prayers of 140,000 women will do much toward hastening the coming of that glad day when Christian people will not only "render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's," but will be equally conscientious in rendering "unto God the things that are God's."

Let "agitation, education, and prayer" be our motto, and God will abundantly bless our labor and honor our faith.

Mrs. I. J. Reynolds, *Secretary.*

TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT.

The New York *World* says, "A good deal of the 'Spirit of '76' appears in the women who have enlisted to conquer the rum demon."

The sixty Conferences reporting to this Committee indicate that our Woman's Home Missionary Society women are the equal of any in zeal and resolution. They have held public meetings, lectures, sermons, prayer-meetings, medal contests; taught the children in the Sabbath schools; circulated petitions and remonstrances; co-operating with Interchurch Federation, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Anti-Saloon League, Prohibition Party—any one that was making war on the liquor traffic and the drink habit.

Uniting in the temperance "Face and Facts Campaign" that recent scientific experiments and discoveries prove alcohol is not a food, but an irritant narcotic poison; not a stimulant, but a depressant. That its use fills our jails, hospitals, reformatories, and asylums. That our saloon-lined streets are not safe for our children. That the resources most needing conservation in this country are the boys and girls. Of our one hundred and fifty thousand dependent children, sixty thousand are destitute because of the intemperance of parents and guardians. "The child's sob in the silence curses deeper than the strong man in his wrath." That, though saloons may have been "voted out at the rate of thirty a day," the per capita consumption of alcoholic liquors has steadily increased, except in panic years. Defeats in recent elections ought to arouse the most apathetic.

The "fact" that the example of the moderate drinker is more dangerous to the rising generation than is the drunkard's in the ditch. More moderate drinkers to-day serving sentences for crime than confirmed drunkards. That even the moderate use of alcohol injures the brain, muscles, and nervous system, impairing conscience, will, and judgment. That the Church may put away this evil when she wills to.

The Judge of all the earth says: "If thou forbear to deliver them that are slain, drawn unto death; if thou say, Behold we know it not, doth not He that pondereth the heart consider it, and He that keepeth thy soul—does not He know it and shall not He render to every man according to his works?" Christ not only came to preach and to teach, but the Word says "to destroy the works of the devil." Under divine commission, "Ye that love the Lord hate evil."

Dr. McMillan, Chairman of the Evangelistic Work for the Synod of Ohio, says: "The Churches can do nothing which will be of spiritual benefit to themselves more certainly, effectively, and quickly than to lead a campaign to close the saloons." "The philosophy of revival is the same now as when Israel overthrew her altars to false gods, burned the groves, putting a stop to licentiousness and drunkenness; then God sent a gracious revival." He proves his argument, not by vague generalizations, but by facts. "A study of the records of all the Churches show that the additions to the Churches in dry towns during the past two years have been nearly twice as large as to the Churches in wet towns."

Our President writes that on most of the programs sent her there is report of the Temperance Committee. We have as yet failed in securing the capable college woman to take special training to become a scientific temperance instructor in the various institutions of our Society. The money appropriated for this purpose last year is still available, and we trust the woman may soon be found and the work begun. Though temperance instruction has long been compulsory in the public schools, until recently teacher training has been neglected. Now many normal

schools, training schools, and colleges are adopting a two years' course of temperance instruction. Subscriptions have been renewed to the *National Advocate, Crusader Monthly,* and *Youth's Temperance Banner,* sent to thirty-eight of our Homes and schools. We recommend these institutions hold medal contests, such as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union have proved valuable, and prize essay contests similar to their public school contests, in which more than a million pupils took part last year.

From numerous towns and cities voting license or no license, and from five great States in the midst of prohibition campaigns to be decided by November elections, came earnest appeals for temperance literature. We could send some; though inadequate in quantity, it was helpful as to quality, containing definite reports of prosperity resulting from prohibition; reduction in crime, disease, insanity, and poverty, with corresponding moral gains. Of the leaflet, "Prohibition in Kansas," we brought out an edition of twenty-one thousand. A reprint of an article published in *Sunday School Journal* for September, stating that in Kansas "twenty-eight county poor farms were without tenants; twenty-seven had no insane, and fifty-four had no feeble-minded inmates. Twenty-one counties had no convicts in the penitentiary; thirty-six had no prisoners in the reformatory; fifty-two had no prisoners serving sentence in their county jails, and sixteen counties were without a prisoner serving sentence in any institution."

Probably more than a million pages of temperance leaflets of various kinds have been distributed by this Committee; one thousand colored posters, "Protect the Children;" and also posters, "Alcohol and Tuberculosis," "As well try to extinguish fire with kerosene and to cure tuberculosis with alcohol;" one thousand pledge cards; seventy-nine books, "National Perils and Hope."

An appeal came to us from a missionary in India for temperance leaflets; these were sent, and translation made for distribution among the Hindii women.

The expenditure for the work of this department—seven hundred and nine dollars—was provided by the Committee.

Our women merit fuller recognition; I would gladly quote at length from their letters, if space permitted.

We all wish to express our sincere thanks to the officers and all who have aided us in this work. If "one may chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight" with temperance and missionary forces co-operating, we may in faith trust that "He shall not fail nor be discouraged till He has set judgment on the earth," and with Browning sing, "All things are not ill and all things are not well, but all things shall be well because this is God's world."

CAROLINE MCDOWELL,
Chairman of Standing Committee.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

ATLANTA.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Atlanta Conference held its seventh Annual Meeting at Grantville, Ga., September 22d-25th.

The meeting had a large representation, especially of the Atlanta District. Nearly all of the general officers of the Conference societies were present. The Rev. C. L. Johnson, District Superintendent of the Atlanta District, was with us throughout the session till Sunday; and when the reports from his District were called, and no one was present to respond, he would frequently remark, "You will hear from them later." The reports showed that some gain had been made during the year. Our great need is intelligent, consecrated Christian women as leaders.

Miss S. E. Abbott, Secretary of Temperance Department, gave a forceful representation of her subject on Friday afternoon. She was invited to repeat her address at the evening session.

Doctor Trevor, of Gammon Theological Seminary, preached the annual sermon on Sunday morning. A general rally in the afternoon closed one of the best sessions of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Atlanta Conference.

At the Atlanta Annual Conference, held at McDonough, Ga., Mrs. H. L. Hill was present, and thrilled the audience with a lecture on the magnitude of the work of the Society.

Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Recording Secretary, visited the Thayer Home during the year in the interest of our new building, and we trust that another year may see this building erected.

There has been paid into the treasury the past Conference year: Membership dues, $126; Building Fund, $131; Student Aid, $20—a total of $277. The Central Avenue Church has paid its pledge of $100 to the Building Fund. Chapel Street Church paid membership dues of $40, the largest amount paid in any one Auxiliary.

Thanking God for the loyal women He has given to this work, we covet an increased membership who may labor for the "Love of Christ and in His Name."

(Miss) Flora Mitchell, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ARIZONA MISSION.

The past year has been one of encouragement. Several new Auxiliaries have been organized, and renewed interest aroused in some of the old ones. Considering the conditions and difficulties of such fields as ours, I feel that we have had a good year. We have been favored with visits from Mrs. Kent and Mrs. Bodkin, the former at Phoenix, where she helped

with a union meeting, giving inspiration to all the Auxiliaries of the valley. Later she visited Tucson, and was present with Mrs. Bodkin at the dedication of the school, in which she has been so interested.

Mrs. Fannie Lynch, a well-known worker of Kansas, was living in the northern part of the Territory during a greater part of the year. She organized a splendid Auxiliary at Winslow, and through her influence and work one will be organized at Flagstaff. The presence of such women as mentioned above does much to strengthen the work.

We are all rejoicing with Mrs. Kent in the completion of the Tucson Home. We trust that by the end of another year it will be fully equipped and furnished. We wish to thank all the Auxiliaries who have helped to make this much-needed Home possible. Last year our Treasurer's report showed an increase of over $600. We feel that it will be even better this year. MRS. ROBERT E. WRIGHT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

AUSTIN.

Austin Conference has four Auxiliaries, each striving to do its best in the great work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. One of the youngest of these is St. Paul's Church, Ft. Worth. It has a membership of forty-five, and has progressed rapidly under the able leadership of Mrs. R. G. Flowers. At the end of every quarter an open meeting is held, at which a free-will offering is taken. Excellent and instructive programs are given each month. One public meeting was held in which a silver offering of $25 was taken. Last October the Auxiliary adopted a family of a frontier preacher in Oklahoma. In November the ladies packed and sent a box to them valued at $125. The letters of gratitude repaid the ladies a thousand times for their efforts. The past year they have added twenty new members to the roll. The Society is wide-awake and enthusiastic, and has twenty-five subscribers to *Home Missions.*

Mallalieu, Dallas, is second only in numbers. This Auxiliary has supported a deaconess during the year, held regular monthly meetings, and an open meeting on the Day of Prayer. There are thirty-three members, twenty Circle members, ten Home Guards, and twenty-two Jewels. Under the enthusiastic leadership of Mrs. W. G. Phelps the Society has been growing in numbers and interest. Through her instrumentality the Society held its first meeting before the Austin Conference last November. We hope now that we are well organized as a Conference Society the work will progress more rapidly.

Alvin has an Auxiliary of twelve members, and has held a meeting regularly once a month. With the burden of a new church resting upon them they have bravely taken up their missionary work, dividing their interest between the Home and Foreign Societies.

Trinity in San Antonio is the oldest and the smallest Auxiliary. In a cosmopolitan city where change is ever constant we lose and gain, and although four have been added during the last quarter we number but ten. Meetings have been held every month under our capable President, Mrs. H. H. Eyman. During the winter a box containing quilts and clothing was sent to a minister in the State, and also a cash present of $8.

A number of the young ladies of the church have become interested in the Auxiliary, and we feel that the work is growing; but it is not strong enough to support an Auxiliary and a Circle.

MRS. C. R. CLARK, *Corresponding Secretary.*

BALTIMORE.

We are celebrating our Silver Anniversary. Twenty-five years ago, March 9, 1885, the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Baltimore Conference was organized by Mrs. Jennie Fowler Willing (sister of our late gifted Bishop Fowler), in Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C.

Great achievements characterize these years. Thousands of dollars have been contributed to the different lines of work from Maine to Alaska, from the Lakes on the North to the extent of our beautiful country in the Southland, and to the islands in the sea. Washington has aided largely in the establishment of the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School by large gifts of money from leading Methodists. We have founded the Deaconess Home in the same city, and also the Deaconess Home at Martinsburg, West Virginia, where the fine property is owned by the Society. We have property in Baltimore valued at many thousands of dollars. The Deaconess Home there was also established by our Society, and recently the Board of Managers have purchased the commodious residence adjoining the present Home for the further enlargement of the work.

The year has been one of progress and growth. The aims of the Society and its needs were ably presented at the Conference Anniversary in April and at the camp-meetings.

We have sent many valuable barrels of supplies to our ministers on the frontier.

We enter the new year with hearts of faith and courage. We will go "up and possess the land" for we see for our beloved Society "clusters of grapes, pomegranate, figs," and an abundance of fruit, that shall redown to the advancement of His Kingdom and the glory of Christ our King. (Mrs.) Clara L. Roach, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CALIFORNIA.

How have we gained our three hundred new members this past year?

First was the great inspiration that came to us when the general officers with more than one hundred women of the Board of Managers passed through our Conference from the Oregon line on down through four hundred miles to Salinas on the south, stopping to visit our institutions and homes around San Francisco, and speaking in many of our pulpits along the way.

About eighty of our women were privileged to attend the Annual Convention for the first time, and to catch a glimpse as never before of the magnitude of our work. They returned to their Auxiliaries full of enthusiasm and zeal, and some have doubled their membership.

The new Literature Depository at San Francisco, with its efficient Secretary, Mrs. E. P. Dearborn, has been a veritable power-house of information and education. Thousands of leaflets, study books, maps, and helps have been sent out.

Our work has been better known all over the Coast through our Travelers' Aid Deaconess, who may thus aid seven and eight hundred people of many nationalities in one month. The city officials and trainmen know of our work, and often assist and protect the workers.

The Sustentation Fund in our Conference has helped wonderfully to present the Woman's Home Missionary Society before the Churches. Our pastors in Annual Conference voted to apportion ten cents per member

to all over twelve years of age, this sum to be sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to be distributed through a committee of our women and the District Superintendents to the most needy pastors in our own Conference, whose salary has been six hundred dollars or less. Last year over one thousand dollars was raised and distributed in this fund. This year Mr. Montgomery and wife donated to our Society a fine property in Oakland, valued at $10,000, to be used as a Rest Home for Missionaries and Deaconesses. This is known as the Beulah Rest Home.

Pray that the Lord will send us leaders in the Churches and Districts for the Young People and Children. Through the persistent efforts of Mrs. F. A. Brush, Miss Carrie Barge, and the Conference Secretary there were organized eleven new Auxiliaries and seven Queen Esther Circles. This has been a good year, and we shall aim for the five hundred increase next year. MRS. E. R. WILLIS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Central Illinois Conference records the most successful year in the history of its regular work.

Aside from special occasions like Silver Anniversary, the income this year is beyond every preceding year. All our pledges have been paid, and the amount sent to the General Treasurer, which shows an increase of $700 over last year. Over twenty-four homes and schools have been helped during the year.

The total number of subscriptions to the *Woman's Home Missions* is 500, an increase over last year, and the total number of *Children's Home Missions,* 200.

Seven new Auxiliaries and five Queen Esther Societies have been organized. All the officers, both Conference and District, have worked faithfully in the discharge of their duties.

Last April we had the privilege of having with us Miss Corbin for three weeks. Miss Corbin attended five District meetings, giving addresses and speaking two and three times on Sundays. Words of praise for her splendid work were received from all the places she visited, and much good resulted from her being among us.

MRS. I. M. EASTMAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

The year has been one of faithful work. A year of things accomplished through prayerful effort. Our workers have seen "days of labor," and because of the burden laid upon them "nights devoid of ease," but, committed to the adoption of our motto, "We can if we will," have pressed forward toward the mark. Two of our Field Secretaries, Miss Nellie Snider, with vigor and energy, and Mrs. N. W. Bass, with experience and much of her old-time vigor, have been a real help. Mrs. Bass has been a factor in increasing our membership. Much interest has centered around the rebuilding of Peck Home at New Orleans, and we have more than doubled the five hundred dollars pledged at Los Angeles for this Home. We have exceeded the amount raised in the Conference over that of last year twelve hundred dollars. Our increase in membership numbers five hundred. There has been an increase in subscriptions to our paper, but

not such as we should expect. Our Young People's organizations report ten hundred and fifty-one dollars raised, as against nine hundred and forty dollars raised last year. Our Supply Secretary reports five thousand and fifty garments and three thousand and eight hundred and sixty dollars cash, against two thousand nine hundred and forty-five garments last year and one thousand six hundred and sixty-four dollars cash. Amounts in mite-boxes show an increase over last wear of nearly two hundred dollars. Every officer reports progress.

MRS. WILLARD H. PECK, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL OHIO.

As a Conference we are an enthusiastic band of loyal workers for the Christianizing of the unfortunate, and the uplift of humanity in our own land. Our Auxiliaries were never more in earnest and faithful in the performance of the work, while the Churches, when we have no organization, are one by one becoming interested.

The Treasurer's annual report shows an increase of over five hundred dollars over last year, every pledge paid, and the full amount of the Building and Improvement Fund met. The Forward Movement has been the burden of our hearts for the past two years, and while we are happy to report an increase of over two hundred members since last year, yet we have not doubled the membership.

We had the services of M. Libby Allen, Field Worker, for six weeks in April and May. She was an inspiration to our people, and three hundred and fifty Auxiliary and Circle members were added to our numbers.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting, held in First Church, Findlay, had an unusually large attendance of delegates and workers. Every session was full of interest. Mrs. H. L. Hill, Field Worker, and Dr. James Rowe, of Chicago, gave fine addresses on the two evenings.

Anniversary Day during our Annual Conference in September, held in Upper Sandusky, was certainly a "red letter day" for the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Our own Mrs. D. L. Williams was present with her inspiration and counsel, and Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff gave the address of the hour, speaking most eloquently upon the work in Porto Rico. The burden on the hearts of the leaders in this Conference is for a deeper consecration and an enlarged vision of the work in our entire membership, that we may interest the countless numbers who have no part in the saving of America nor of redeeming the world.

The blessing of the Lord has been upon us as an organization, and we trust that the good seed which has been sown shall bring forth more interest, more members, more money.

MRS. D. M. BAILEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

Four of the five districts are organized and have a splendid corps of officers and Superintendents. Arrangements are about completed to organize the fifth district.

Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, Conference President, has served in that capacity for five years, previously filling the office of Corresponding Secretary in a most acceptable manner for sixteen years.

Miss Sarah J. Richardson, our model Treasurer, is closing her twelfth year in that important position.

We deeply regret the removal from our Conference of our worthy Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Harman.

The results of this year in increase of funds and members is gratifying and inspires to greater efforts for the future.

For the "Forward Movement" there has been organized (in two years) ten Auxiliaries, sixteen Queen Esther Circles, eight Home Guards, and seven Mothers' Jewels Bands.

Huntingdon, Fifth Street, and Ridge Avenue, Harrisburg, and Tyrone Auxiliaries and York Queen Esther Circle have doubled membership. Philipsburg Auxiliary and First Church, Altoona, Queen Esther Circle have nearly reached the one hundred per cent. Eighteen other Auxiliaries have had large increase, and all the Queen Esther Circles are doing excellent work. Altoona District has doubled membership in the Circles. The work within our own Conference is most gratifying. The kindergarten, sewing classes, and Sunday schools, under the care of Miss Sadie Sheffer, deaconess at the Italian Mission, Altoona, have had a most successful year.

Miss Elizabeth Larrish, deaconess at Mt. Carmel, who was very ill for several months during the fall and winter, has been able to resume her work and also to add new lines of work.

Miss Emma P. Trescott and Miss Helen Baldwin, deaconesses, with the other workers at the Anthracite Mission, Hazelton, have wrought so well that the work has entirely outgrown their accommodations and we rejoice that the Anthracite Mission is at last to have a Home, one-fourth of the money being now on hand. In this Home will be conducted English classes, sewing and domestic science classes, mothers' meetings, and religious services. Over fifty girls have already been graduated in the sewing classes in the five years of the existence of this Slavic mission.

In September mission work among the foreigners in Harrisburg was begun under the charge of Miss Helen Kirk. This field is most promising, and a Conference Deaconess Home is proposed for this city in the near future.

In all of these we recognize golden opportunities for helping win America for Christ.

The Conference gratefully acknowledges the helpful services during the year of Miss Henrietta Bancroft, Mrs. W. C. Boswell, Mrs. D. L. Rhone, and Rev. Frederick Wright, D. D.

Mrs. Byron E. Staples, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL SWEDISH.

"Fear thou not: for I am with thee; be not dismayed: for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee: yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness."—Isaiah 41 : 10.

Surely we have as Christians experienced the truth of these precious promises during the year, and as a Conference Home Missionary Society our faith has been strengthened by the fulfillment of these comforting words time and again. If our work is in accordance with God's will, we are sure to win over obstacles however many they may be. We have made a covenant for the coming year, to depend upon the Lord more than ever before to lead the way, and to strive to obey Him in whatsoever

He tells us to do. Also to be thankful for little things: then the Lord will provide for greater achievements.

We have in our Conference fourteen Auxiliaries with a membership of 278. At the Annual Meeting in July greater interest and enthusiasm were shown than ever before. A very encouraging report was given by the matron of our Susanna Wesley Home. God has blessed this work wonderfully. From a very humble beginning three years ago, we have this past year been able to care for 700 girls. Our Home is not paid for, but we are trusting the Lord to work upon the heart and "purse" of some good philanthropist in behalf of this Home.

Thanking God for the past year, and depending on His leadership for the future, we will go forth in His strength and in His name. May we all be faithful stewards of the talents which our Lord has entrusted to us.

Mrs. Esther Berggren, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CINCINNATI.

The advance in the work in Cincinnati Conference for the year past has been very gratifying. Not only because of the increase in numbers and in amount of money contributed, but because of the evidence of growing interest and knowledge in the general work. In addition to pledges made and paid in full, appeals for special work have met with ready response.

The work of the Young People's Department is steadily advancing, and the Children's Department, for the first time reporting separately, has made large gains.

The report of the Supply Secretary shows a slight decrease from last year, but the gain in the mite-box receipts is over three hundred dollars. One box was a real "treasure box" rather than a mite-box, containing eighty dollars.

Glenn Home workers have greatly missed Mrs. I. D. Jones, who was obliged to take a much needed rest for a year; but Mrs. D. J. Durrell has proven a most capable Chairman, and the work has not suffered.

The Conference Anniversary, a union meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society, was addressed by Mrs. Lena Leonard Fisher and Mrs. Mary Haven Thirkield; a most inspiring and profitable meeting.

We were happy in having four of our National officers, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Thompson, and Mrs. Aiken, present at our Annual Conference meeting at Avondale in September. Their presence was an inspiration and their addresses impressive and helpful.

While we rejoice in the work done, we are not satisfied that so small a part of our Methodist women are interested in the work of our Society. Our aim is still "an organization in every charge in the Conference," nor shall we rest until our dream is realized.

Mrs. C. F. Thirkield, *Corresponding Secretary.*

COLORADO.

Colorado Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society has made a healthy growth the past year, although not all that we desired. The amounts contributed for schools, Homes, and scholarships increase steadily

year by year. We now have forty-nine Auxiliaries with 1,630 members, and 362 in Queen Esther Circles. Our Supply Department has sent cheer to 652 ministers and their families, and given a total of $2,598.59 in cash and 2,014 garments, besides 275 books. Four hundred and twenty-seven dollars and eighty-seven cents has been raised in mite-boxes. In conjunction with the General Board of our Church, a new work has been started among the ten thousand Italians in Denver; $162 in cash and much in local work has gone into this. Miss Manning, the efficient Superintendent of our Home, has decided to give her whole time to this work, which is now increasing by leaps and bounds. One thousand dollars has been paid on the debt of our Deaconess Home. We are doing largely for our new Deaconess Hospital at Colorado Springs, while all the time we do not forget our beloved Woman's Home Missionary Society all over our dear land.

MRS. H. E. WARNER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

COLUMBIA RIVER.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Columbia River Conference records the most successful year in the history of its work.

All our Auxiliaries are well organized and doing splendid work. The number was increased from eleven to twenty-three. The membership in the Auxiliaries alone was not doubled, but including all the organizations of the Woman's Home Missionary Society the membership was more than doubled.

The Young People's and Children's Work has been greatly strengthened, and an increase of organizations and membership effected. We now have 23 Auxiliaries, with a membership of 471; 2 Young People's Societies, with a membership of 27; 8 Queen Esther Circles, with a membership of 165; 1 Home Guard, with a membership of 14, and 4 Mothers' Jewels Bands, with a membership of 131.

Our pledge of $800 was more than met, the entire amount raised being $1,115.39. A large amount of supplies have been distributed, and this Department continues to be an important one in our Conference. It is still under the supervision of that capable woman, Mrs. L. V. Wells.

More and more our women are seeing the great importance of being informed concerning our work. Thus the Reading Circle Work is receiving more attention, and the number of subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions* is increasing, the number of subscribers being 167 and 97, respectively.

Miss Carrie Barge came into our Conference May 3d for a period of six weeks. She attended Ministerial meetings, Epworth League conventions, organized and held one District meeting, and spoke two or three times each Sabbath day and almost every night in the week. Words of praise and admiration of her efficient work were received from all the places she visited. Our growth the past year, and the improved condition of our Society in general is largely due to her untiring efforts.

Our Annual Convention was held in Spokane during the time of the Annual Conference, and was marked by an increased attendance, interest, and enthusiasm. We face the future hopefully, knowing that the seed faithfully sown will yield an abundant harvest.

MRS. NINA G. BLAKE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DELAWARE.

We are endeavoring to double our membership in the Auxiliaries, and to increase the number of Home Guards, Mothers' Jewels, and Queen Esther Societies. Our Field Worker has traversed one of the five Districts of our Conference, and will visit the remaining Districts on her return from the Annual Meeting. Our Quarterly and Annual Meetings, also our Anniversary, are always interesting and profitable.

We are doing fairly well in our effort to raise a fund for Special Work in our Conference.

We are glad to report an increase of more than $50 this year for the General Fund, and have pledged an increase in the number of subscribers to *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions.*

May we have the prayers of every worker for the success of our work.

MRS. L. A. PULLETT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DES MOINES.

We have entered few new fields, but are doing intensive work on the land already possessed. Ten years ago we paid less than $300 in dues; this year more than $2,400. All our pledges have been paid, and we have increased our pledges for this year $700. The success of the work depends upon the faithful Auxiliary and District Worker.

"We have gathered roses from other men's flowers:
Naught but the thread that binds them is ours."

Our former President, Mrs. A. B. Storms, moved from our territory. She was a competent executive, and her self-poise was impressed upon all her co-workers. Our Secretary for Young People's Work, Mrs. H. P. Dudley, and Mrs. H. R. Wright, of Home Guards and Jewels, both resigned their positions to give special care to jewels in their homes. They were faithful, capable workers.

We are very fortunate in the officers chosen to fill these vacancies. Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth, former Treasurer, is our President; Mrs. F. H. Fitting, our Treasurer; Mrs. Emah Kellogg, Secretary of Young People's Work, and Mrs. Mary Johnson of Home Guards and Jewels.

Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Bible Training School has a new corps of workers. Mrs. Mabel Q. Hilbish and Miss Lulu McMillen have gone to other fields of labor. Mrs. A. E. Sanford is our efficient Principal, and is ably assisted by Miss Sophia Sprague. Miss Mae Strickler is the new Superintendent, assisted by Miss Nelle Correll, which assures us of a well-ordered Home.

Miss Corbin rendered valuable assistance in November, and was an inspiration at our Conference meeting. Our District meetings in the spring were occasions of instruction and encouragement. The work of our District Corresponding Secretaries is vital to our growth. Mrs. J. M. Williams, of Council Bluffs District, is ever alert, and would fill well any office in the Conference.

Mrs. Frances Olmstead, of Missouri Valley, bequeathed our Society $200; $100 was given to Thayer, and $100 to a room that will bear her name in Ritter Home. Mrs. Louise Kern, late of Clarinda, gave our Society $150, which was used to name a room to her memory at Tucson. Broadway, Council Bluffs, Auxiliary raised $100 by mite boxes, and named a room in the Chinese Home in San Francisco in memory of Miss Nellie Green.

Our Conference Anniversary was the best in our history. Bishop Hamilton, Miss Bessie Brown, missionary to the Navajoes; Doctor Lovinggood, of Sam Huston College; Miss Mabel Hopkinson, Field Worker for our Home and Training School, all helped to make this an occasion never to be forgotten.

We do not realize how much constant effort is necessary to make any advance, owing to the many losses. In a Church of five hundred members the pastor reports a loss of four hundred in five years. Constant accessions are necessary that there be no decrease.

"The old is gone; we gird us for the new.
Since Thou hast proved us, we dare undertake
The untried way, the quest through good and ill,
O Master Christ, for Thy dear holy sake."

MRS. A. E. GRIFFITH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DETROIT.

Another year in Detroit Conference has gone, and a steady advance has been made. We have 121 Auxiliaries with 4,184 members, a gain of 258 over last year. We feel that the Lord has truly blessed us when we realize that $16,368.55 has been received this year.

The mite boxes have brought in $1,797.10, a gain of $358 over last year, and the Secretary, Mrs. H. S. Earle, has been an inspiration to us all.

The Queen Esther Circle work is slowly but steadily growing. Seven new Circles have been organized, and $1,588.44 have been raised by our girls.

We have more than met the 60 cents per member asked for the Building and Improvement Fund.

The number of subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions* is steadily increasing, and the Reading Circle work is creating more enthusiasm each year.

The Ministers' Loan Library, a work distinctive of Detroit Conference alone, has loaned 732 books to 98 ministers, who but for that help could not have continued their studies without great difficulty. This work has been cared for since its inception twenty-three years ago by Mrs. J. S. Vernor, of Detroit, who has done much to encourage the many young ministers to whom this timely help has been given.

Two new departments have been added this year, the Conference Auxiliary-at-large and the College Women's Auxiliary, a band of bright young women who have already been of great service to us.

When we learned that Kent Home was to be rebuilt, we were happy to meet a gift of $500 from our Bureau Secretary, Mrs. H. T. Dennis, with another $500 from Detroit Conference. This gift was made possible by one of our members, Mrs. Louisa Soules, of Stockbridge, a quiet, retiring woman, one of the Lord's handmaidens, who this year has sent $800 to our Treasurer, to be used where most needed.

With a vision of even greater things to be accomplished for the Master in our beloved State, we are trying to do our best, leaving the results with Him, knowing that

"Whate'er we leave to God, God does, and blesses us;
The work we choose should be our own, He lets alone."

MRS. J. R. WATERS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

EAST OHIO.

Another year with its opportunities for service has passed and we are rejoicing in the larger interest and the larger giving among Auxiliaries and Circles in the Conference. All departments have shown a marked growth, largely due to the effective and untiring service of those chosen to care for the work.

Our Secretary of Literature has created a wider interest in our Study Course, and through her wise distribution a large amount of literature has been placed in the hands of our workers, and we are looking forward to such a co-operation with her that during the coming year there may be a marked increase in subscriptions to our *Woman's Home Missions.* Much credit is due to our Secretary of Temperance, Mrs. Emma Tyler, who by her faithful and untiring service is making that department an important factor in the work. Our Thank-offering is devoted to the salaries of missionaries, and this year we have cared for Miss Agnes Griffiths at Tucson, Miss Ella Adams at Rebecca McClesky, Miss Fox at Emerson, and Miss Apperson at Mitchell, and are looking forward to the time when each district shall have its own worker.

Our Queen Esther Circles are growing in numbers and are assuming each year a larger share in the work of the Conference.

Before closing the book on the year's work, a brief retrospective view of the accomplishment of our undertakings brings to our vision much for which we should be truly and devoutly thankful. The devotion and inspiration of our workers has borne fruit ripe for the harvest of the coming year, and as each succeeding year in the past has increased the number and efficiency of the laborers in the vineyard of the Master, so may we with faith born of devotion and inspiration to His service predict that this coming year will disclose broader and fairer fields white unto the harvest to be garnered "for the love of Christ and in His name."

MRS. M. H. NASON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ERIE.

There were those among the followers of Jesus who on occasion said in helpless pity of the great and increasing multitude of people, "Send them away that they may buy themselves food." But the answer of Jesus speaking from a throne of love and power is, "Give ye them to eat." "And that injunction of Jesus is perpetuated to the Christian Church of all ages." Are there many among us, or in our Conference, who still say, "Send them away that they may buy themselves food" there is yet an increasing number who hear His gentle, loving voice, "Ye need not send them away. Give ye them to eat."

In Auxiliary membership we number almost three thousand, while the Young People and Children enlisted add more than thirteen hundred.

Our Treasurer's report shows all pledges met and a good sum for work not included in pledges. As, by letter and the printed page, we get returns from the fields helped it means much to have had even a little part in this large work.

Our Deaconess Home, just being established in New Castle through the bequest of Miss Irene Maitland, will elicit our interest and help. While not doing less for other departments of our work, for this home institution we expect additional contributions.

The Department Secretaries have been faithful in service, and have been rewarded by encouraging results.

Miss Corbin, Field Secretary, spent ten days in our Conference in June, and gave most acceptable service in several places. Two Auxiliaries were organized and members added elsewhere.

Subscription lists to both our periodicals have advanced, notably that of *Children's Home Missions,* which in a brief campaign in its interest changed from 574 to 1,172.

District meetings have had good, practical programs, and have been the occasion for interchange of much serviceable information, those attending going home with larger thought and vision of the work, and added inspiration and courage for earnest service "In His Name."

In the passing of Mrs. Stubbs, our former Conference President, to the many mansioned home we are bereaved, but the bond of friendship and service is not broken. Her influence abides, and we think of her as "In the service of the King."

Our new Conference Secretary, Mrs. D. H. Hill, is giving herself with spirit and efficiency to the work.

Our expectation, our faith are strong that we are to share more largely than hitherto in the great Forward Movement in Missions.

(Miss) Anna M. Poppino, *Corresponding Secretary.*

GENESEE.

It is well to look backward, if out of the experiences of the past we learn to build better for the future.

As we review the work of the year we find the point we aimed at has not been reached. We can see an active interest in many Auxiliaries, especially in those that keep in close touch with the work by holding their meetings regularly, with a well-arranged program on various lines of work. Increased interest always follows increased knowledge. Our five Districts are well organized with faithful, consecrated women. Our finances were never better. Our pledges have been promptly met, and the Convention Fund has been cheerfully contributed to. Many supplies have been sent out on their missions of love and comfort. It is with pride we speak of the Home located in the bounds of our Conference. It is established in the hearts and affections of our people. It has been a crucial year with the many demands made upon it. We pray that God may raise up many friends for this noble institution and its consecrated workers, who "With hearts aflame, their all they leave for Thee to toil. For all they leave, O may they find a hundredfold below, and in the world to come that life whose joys forever flow."

With loving care the plans for the Executive Meeting have been carried out, and with the loyal women of Buffalo, who know not failure in an undertaking, lies the responsibility, hence the honors will be theirs.

Our Annual and Semi-Annual Meetings were held and well attended. The Department Secretaries have been active and faithful, and the spirit of genuine kindliness, mutual helpfulness, and consecrated service has been evidenced by many. In all that has been done we recognize that many have been helping by prayer. Each year as we grow older in the work, we realize how wholly we are dependent upon Him who governs the world, to be ever present with us, that we may succeed in this great work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. Daniel Smith, *Corresponding Secretary.*

HOLSTON.

As we come with our report of the work done by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Holston Conference during the year 1909-1910, it is with a new feeling of encouragement. We feel that this has indeed been a red letter year in this Conference. We began the year with one out of the seven Districts organized, while now there is but one out of the seven not organized, and we expect that one to be in the near future.

There have been new Auxiliaries organized in different parts of the Conference, and new members added to those already organized. In all there have been 157 new members added to the ranks of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of this Conference this year. There have also been some new organizations formed among the young people and children.

We now have nineteen Auxiliaries with 475 members, four Queen Esther Circles with 35 members, three Home Guards' Bands with 78 members, and two Mothers' Jewels Bands with 101 members. We can not say we have doubled our membership, but we have made a long stride in that direction, and we are glad we have another year in which to reach the goal; and we have faith to believe we will succeed.

But the most encouraging feature is that many of the pastors are becoming interested in the work, and are coming to realize that an active, flourishing Auxiliary is a benefit to every department of Church work, and not a detriment. And our District Superintendents to a man stand loyally by us in every endeavor to advance the work. Even our good Bishop Anderson is sufficiently enthusiastic about our work to give his wife as our Conference President. And the advance this year is largely due to her untiring efforts and wise administration of the office.

Mrs. J. M. Plyley, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ILLINOIS.

The year just closed has been a very successful one in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Illinois Conference. The Father above has been very kind in His protecting care.

Dr. A. B. Peck, of Carlinville, served us most acceptably at three of our meetings. We had enthusiastic meetings in six out of seven of our Districts.

Mrs. Cotton Mather spent the month of April with us, and sowed much precious seed, which we hope will bear good fruit in the near future.

Dr. J. F. Harman, of Lebanon, Ill., President of the McKendree College, gave our Anniversary Address at Conference.

There is a live Methodist paper printed in our Conference, and our President, Mrs. H. L. Haywood, has taken it upon herself to see that in each issue of the paper some phase of the Home Missionary Work is printed, thus keeping our work before the pastors.

We have in our Conference 106 organizations with a membership of 3,298. Our cash supplies amount to $1,987.85, with 1,011 secondhand garments, and twenty-three books. Our Treasurer reports $8,600 as receipts, which added to our cash supplies amounts to $10,587.85. In addition there has been considerable money raised in our Conference for the addition to Cunningham Children's Home.

We are confident that the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Illinois Conference is on a surer foundation than at any previous time.

Mrs. S. A. Bullard, *Corresponding Secretary.*

INDIANA.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Indiana Conference continues to grow. We have eight Districts with 58 Auxiliaries of 2,545 members; 14 Queen Esthers, with 382 members; six Home Guards, with 87 members; twenty-three Jewel Bands, with 1,086 members; total, 4,100 members. We have one Jewel Band of 330 members, and six Auxiliaries having over 95 members each.

We have students in Washington (D. C.) Training School and Kansas City Training School, and a Deaconess station in Indianapolis with three deaconesses. All expenses are paid by the Indiana Conference. Our National Training School Conference Manager, Mrs. C. Behymer, is Chairman of our Deaconess Board. We can not say too much of her ability to take care of this part of our work, as it has grown and broadened under her management. She receives from a friend $30 a month for the salaries of our deaconesses.

Our Supply Secretary, Mrs. James Garrard, of Vincennes, reports value of new goods $576.42; cash, $92.90; number of secondhand articles, 880, and 220 books and magazines.

Our Mite-Box Secretary, Mrs. J. U. Park, reports $1,049.80, a gain of $296.42.

Our Field Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Jones, has done good work this year.

Our Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Allgire, reports $7,350.81 cash and $1,709.93 voucher credit. The largest amount we have ever had, showing we have advanced during the year.

"It pays to serve Jesus,
I speak from my heart;
He'll always be with us
If we do our part."

MRS. ALFRED STRATFORD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

IOWA.

Among the many interesting events which mark the course of time none give more pleasure, nor seem of greater worth, than do the incidents of the closing year, when we stand before our record and read the story of the past.

With grateful hearts we of Iowa Conference read the record of the year. We read of Young People's Societies taking on new life and promising much for the future; of Auxiliaries studying the religious, social, and economic problems of our Country, so that with greater knowledge, clearer vision, and wider perspective will give a more intelligent and effective service.

We read of increased interest and enthusiasm in all Departments, especially that of temperance.

The year 1909-1910 has been, in many ways, a memorable year for Woman's Home Missionary Society. It has marked the breaking down of many and various prejudices. The barriers are being removed, and our Society is gaining friends all over the Conference. The District meetings were most helpful in this particular. Miss Nellie Snider, who was with us during May, in her original and forceful manner presented the work in its most attractive form. She gave to all who heard her speak a clear, comprehensive view of existing conditions in this Nation, the imperative

need of Home Missions, and the part that women have in saving the homeland.

During the year we have gained seven new organizations with a membership of 198, and reorganized two others with a membership of 20. Two Auxiliaries tripled their membership. The new wing of Graham Hospital will soon be ready for occupancy. We hope to have it dedicated at an early date; $8,108.48 was raised throughout the Conference for this institution. An excess over our pledges of more than $1,000 was raised. The Conference contributed to the support of twenty-four of our various benevolences.

There is a growing sentiment among the Auxiliaries to specialize. They believe that definite work increases the interest.

We have, as we believe, the banner Auxiliary. One in which every woman in the Church belongs to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, where more *Woman's Home Missions* are taken than there are members, where every member of the family is represented either in Auxiliary, Queen Esther Circle, Home Guards, or Mothers' Jewels. When the call was sent out to "Double the Membership!" this Society could not increase its membership, so they went to another Church on the same charge and organized an Auxiliary which now has eighteen members, with twenty members in the Home Guards and eighteen members in Mothers' Jewels.

We held an inspiring Anniversary at Conference. Mrs. Sandford, Superintendent of Iowa B. T. S., of Des Moines, gave the address. An interest hitherto unknown was manifested at this meeting.

We are looking forward to greater service and more abundant blessings. May the "Lord of the harvest" be with us at the time of seed sowing and at harvest time.

(Mrs.) Naomi Day, *Corresponding Secretary.*

KANSAS.

The record of another year is made up, and as we view and review the work done—and we can not but feel that it might have been more efficient—we are made to rejoice in what has been accomplished, and with a firm reliance on God enter upon a new year with wider vision, a better understanding of the work to be done, and a more determined purpose to push forward to better and greater things.

We are here in the heart and center of our great country, and God has so richly endowed us with all needed material blessings that from a mere sense of gratitude alone we can give Him no less than a reasonable portion of our substance and the very best in our life in consecration for service. It is a real pleasure to be able to state that all claims were met in full, and that new and lively interest in the work of our Society is manifested in many places and in different ways. This should stimulate our zeal and strengthen our faith.

The district conventions were all largely attended, reports were encouraging, and we believe this year will show at least a reasonable growth. We are happy to note a growing interest in Fisk Training School —just at our door in Kansas City, Mo.—and we believe the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Kansas Conference will be loyal to her every interest. The Conference Convention was held at Lawrence in November, and was largely attended. The program was of such a character as to bring both encouragement and inspiration. The new year will

be crowded with responsibilities and full of opportunities. In the spirit of the Master let us be ready to do the noblest work in the best possible way and for His glory.

MRS. CARRIE L. LAYTON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

KENTUCKY.

It is with thankful hearts we look over the past year, and notice growth in our work. An Auxiliary and Circle have been organized, and the finances have increased.

The Conference Anniversary Meeting, addressed by Mrs. E. Y. King, was a good one, and we hope for results from the itinerary which Mrs. Mather is making this month.

There is much interest concerning deaconess work in the State, and several charges desire the services of a deaconess for a couple of weeks. Miss Cooley, who does Travelers' Aid Work in Lexington, is a graduate of our Kansas City Training School, and is very efficient.

Our Conference Society Meeting in Louisville was a help to all present, and we were fortunate in having Mrs. Elder with us.

All our pledges were met and we hope for better things in this year.

(MISS) JULIA HATHORN SHAW, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LEXINGTON.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Lexington Conference is steadily moving on toward success, and winning its way into the hearts of the people of the Conference. At our Annual Meeting last June, in Columbus, Ohio, we celebrated our Tenth Anniversary. We feel that in this first decade as a Conference organization we have been developing workers and gaining the confidence of the pastors. Our aim this past year has been to double our membership and get our Department Secretaries in touch with each other, and through them to arouse the women of our Churches to the needs of our work and the opportunity offered them for blessed service.

Miss Bessie M. Garrison, Field Secretary, began work in our Conference the first of September, and at all points she has visited the work has taken on new life. We are giving special attention to our Young People and Children, and are urging that each Auxiliary will organize their Young People and Children at once. The women are beginning to read more of the literature of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and are becoming more interested in all the departments of this grand Society. Three Reading Circles have been organized, and we have started a campaign for as many subscribers for our *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions* as we have members, and have pledged this year 150 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and 100 to *Children's Home Missions.*

Splendid District Meetings were held last August in all the five Districts, and reports showed an increase along several lines. The work was outlined for another year and officers elected. Every Conference and District officer is working hard along special lines, and results are beginning to show.

The Conference President, Mrs. Martha A. Sissle, and Treasurer, Mrs.

Anna C. Stanley, have both been untiring in their efforts in planning and working for the good of the Society. Much praise, however, is due the Conference officers, who have faithfully shared the responsibility.

Thank Offering will be observed in November, and Day of Prayer in February.

We have forty Auxiliaries, 292 members, and ten new Auxiliaries with 65 new members; one Circle, 10 members; two Jewels, 30 members, and 50 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and three to *Children's Home Missions*. Financially we have increased our offering $160 over last year. For this we thank God from whom all blessings flow.

Six of our women attended the National Convention in Buffalo, and are now much better prepared to give the needed information to others. A number of subscriptions were sent in for the *Daily*, and in this way a good many that could not attend kept in touch with the work. My earnest prayer to God is that the enthusiasm gained from the Convention will be felt all over our Conference.

Our Student Aid was placed on a girl in the Adeline Smith Home.

This has been a very busy year, and the officers have all assisted the Corresponding Secretary in every way to promote the work throughout the Conference.

Our hearts were saddened with the loss of our faithful Recording Secretary of Conference, Miss Martha B. Minnis, who was called from labor to reward last February.

We are planning for larger results next year. Our aim is high. We are not looking for failure, but trusting God we go forward toward success. MRS. JAMES P. MONROE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LITTLE ROCK.

Grateful thanks are hereby given to those who helped the past year to have more and better Auxiliaries and the best convention in the history of the Conference, held at Forrest City, July 7th-10th. The interest grew daily. The excellent pastor, the Rev. J. H. Greer, and wife, with the co-operation of the State President, Mrs. M. F. Thorton, members and friends of other Churches, deserve much praise for its success. The many encouraging letters from workers on the Districts and Auxiliaries caused a more determined will to advance the work.

Our aim this year is to have the people know more about the Society, have a clearer understanding of its needs, to double the membership, and raise all of the pledges.

I have visited Forrest City, Cottonplant, Altheimer, Wabbeseka, Clarendon, and Little Rock canvassing the interest and success of the Society.

Eight new Auxiliaries organized, sixty Annual Reports, a large number of supplies, and letters sent throughout the Conference. I find that personal contact, house to house visits, do more to awaken interest than great speeches.

Three executive meetings have been held during the year, which caused the good accomplished at the Annual Convention, and the awakening of several dormant Auxiliaries that had been asleep six or more years. The Conference Anniversary was good. The noted speaker was the Rev. J. C. Sherrill, D. D., missionary from Africa. His subject was, "The Relation of the Woman's Home Missionary Society to the Foreign Missionary Society." Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth, Superintendent of Adeline

Smith Home; the writer, Mrs. Victoria Gates, and the Rev. A. T. Stevens rendered helpful addresses. The Rev. L. G. Hodges, Superintendent of Forrest City District; the Revs. W. A. Smith, G. N. Johnson, and Mrs. Dr. G. F. H. Morris, Secretary of Conference Temperance Work; the pastors of the African Methodist Episcopal and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Churches, the ladies of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Southern Methodist Church were among those on program who delighted the convention with excellent addresses.

May we prove faithful, and use the opportunities as they come, putting our trust in Him who said, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." MRS. G. N. JOHNSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LOUISIANA.

Once again we bring you greeting from the Louisiana Conference.

What we have done during the past year does not seem worth mentioning when compared with what others have done; but the experiences we have had have increased our knowledge of the work: therefore we take courage and press on.

The Bureau Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Knostman, was at the Annual Conference held in January, and although having met with a most serious and very much regretted accident on her immediate arrival in New Orleans, the Lord permitted her to attend a session to present the cause of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the rebuilding of Peck Memorial Home, and to receive any and all money collected for that purpose. She also distributed copies of the plan of the Home, which served to increase the desire of many to do something for the rebuilding. Mrs. E. Y. King and Mrs. M. C. B. Mason were also present. At our Annual Convention, held in May, Miss Bessie Garrison, Special Organizer, was present and rendered valuable service. All who heard her talks on the work and her answers to different questions felt that they could do more in His Name.

Since the convention several Auxiliaries have been organized, and two of the Districts, among which are some new workers, which shows an increased interest in the work, and from which we expect good results.

Quite a number of the last Annual Reports, which are a great source of information, together with leaflets and other literature, have been circulated. The District Superintendents of our Conference and some of the pastors are showing more interest in the work of the Society.

Our Secretary of Supplies is having a number of calls for help from some of the preachers of the Conference who are in poor charges. As the years come and go we see much to be done. We pray, therefore, the Lord of harvest, that He send forth more laborers, that more women of the Louisiana Conference will see the opportunity of doing more for the Master in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, for love of Christ and in His name.

(MISS) CORNELIA HAYMAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MAINE.

The year opened auspiciously. In December a deaconess field worker, Miss Carter K. Swartz, came to us, and though her fingers were frostbitten on her journey from the South, yet her heart was warm for the

Master's service, which she efficiently pursued. At Conference it was deemed advisable for her to give her whole time in working for the Deaconess Home, yet she improved every opportunity to help the general work, collecting $1,095.21 in money and pledges. This sum included some membership dues. At our Annual Conference Miss Swartz and Doctor Wilder, President of our training school in Washington, D. C., represented our Home Mission Work in helpful and enthusiastic addresses.

Our Deaconess Home in Portland has reduced its debt to $1,900. It is well managed by Miss King, our new Superintendent. She has an able corps of deaconesses, who are at work in the Conference with encouraging results. Mrs. Benson, the former Superintendent, has been transferred to the Wilmington Conference. It was a pleasure to receive a visit from Doctor Wilder. Miss Bancroft has also visited and inspected the work. Mrs. Roberts, an Organizer, was with us a short time. She presented our work in a few Churches, and added some new members. We welcome these helpers in the Lord.

Our paper, *Woman's Home Missions,* deserves a larger list of subscribers. We have added some new ones, and are working for more. The subscriptions for the deaconess paper, being local, may influence the circulation of *Woman's Home Missions.* Literature by leaflets has been well distributed, giving light and knowledge, as have also the papers. The work has been well represented at camp-meetings. At Old Orchard the Rev. Mr. Ulrich, from California, gave us a stirring and eloquent address filled with information concerning the work in that section. Miss Swartz presented the Southern part. The camp-meetings were visited by Miss Swartz and Miss King, Superintendent of the Home.

Not all pledges made at last Annual Meeting have been paid, as visions and facts differ.

We have seven new Auxiliaries, three new Circles, and in both 215 new members. These may not cover all the decrease, but time with its changes make losses a certainty, but we are making good with active members.

Our District Secretaries deserve special mention for faithful service. They are strong arms to help Home Mission Work. The Young People's Work has been well cared for by Miss Alice Douglass, Secretary.

Our mite-boxes have not been idle, but have poured their treasures into some Auxiliaries generously.

It is gratifying to note progress on all lines, and a manifest zeal to bring in the sheaves to lay at the Master's feet. We look forward with hope for greater results in the year to come for the love of Christ and in His name. (Mrs.) Sarah F. Palmer, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MICHIGAN.

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." The latter is true in my case. Mrs. Master had been our wise counselor and leader for so many years that we felt very loath to give her up; but she positively refused to serve longer, and some one had to take up the work. We have had a prosperous year, though we have not reached our ideal in any particular. God pity us if we ever do.

Our success is due largely to the faithfulness of our District and Auxiliary officers. No State I am sure has more loyal workers than Michigan. Death has entered our ranks and taken from us a faithful Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Thomas, whom we all loved. We

were fortunate in having a former Secretary tried and true to fill the gap. It was our rare privilege to have with us at five of our District Meetings our beloved General Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams. She was a great help and inspiration in all of these meetings. Michigan Conference esteems it a great honor to have had her.

We were apportioned $1,000 to the Building and Improvement Fund. I am pleased to report it paid in full.

We have received a gift of $131.57 from one of God's saints, Miss Sarah Jennings. We have sent out cash supplies to the value of $593.34. Pledges have been more than paid. At our last Annual Meeting we elected Mrs. O. C. Bedford our Conference Organizer and Secretary of Systematic Beneficence. She has been untiring in her efforts to push these departments of work.

Seven new Auxiliaries have been organized, and two Queen Esther Circles. The subject of tithing has been presented in twenty-six Churches, and much literature on same sent out.

Our Deaconess Home, under the wise supervision of Mrs. Hartshorn, is doing excellent work. Our mite jug and Thank Offering collections are increasing. Thirty Jewel life members have been made this year.

We thank our Heavenly Father for His guidance and blessings upon us. We mean to go forward and help take this land of ours for Christ.

Mrs. F. A. Hall, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MINNESOTA.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Minnesota Conference is nearing the quarter century mark, having been organized at Stillwater, October 7, 1886, so that next year will be our Silver Anniversary, when we hope to celebrate appropriately.

I am very glad to report a steady growth in these years. Last year I reported seventy-seven Societies with 1,700 members. This year I am reporting ninety-two Societies with a membership of 1,900.

Our Conference deaconess has done most excellent service in organizing new Societies where possible, and strengthening weak ones.

Perhaps our greatest achievement in the past year was the opening of our new Minnesota Conference Deaconess Home, a large, commodious house of twenty rooms, fully furnished by Churches, Auxiliaries, and Young People's Societies, etc. First Church, of St. Paul, taking the dining-room to furnish, as a memorial to Mrs. A. W. Dunning, our beloved Secretary of Deaconess Work in the Minnesota Conference, who was called home last March.

While our cash to the General Treasurer has not come up to former years, we give as our excuse the large work of our Conference along deaconess lines. Our Treasurer for the Deaconess Home reports cash over $8,000; our Conference Treasurer reports cash $2,265; our Supply Secretary reports supplies to frontier preachers, fur robes, fur coats, pulpit suits, etc., $726.66, making a total of cash of over $10,000.

I feel that we are becoming more thoroughly organized in all departments.

A Mission has been started in Phalen Creek Settlement, St. Paul, by two of our deaconesses.

It is my sad duty to record the loss to our Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society of two of our excellent Conference workers,

Mrs. A. W. Dunning, of St. Paul, a pioneer in our work, having been a member since the beginning of the work in Minnesota Conference, and for many years active in deaconess work. Also Mrs. R. I. Dugan, of Hamline, who has served as Conference Secretary of mite-boxes and Mothers' Jewels for sixteen years. They were faithful, enthusiastic, and able. Their works do follow them.

Mrs. G. F. Jennings, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MISSOURI.

In this my first report large things can not be recorded of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Missouri Conference, but we rejoice in some beginnings. To the credit of our Church at Hamilton is placed the first Auxiliary with 37 members, 15 Home Guards, 12 Mothers' Jewels, and 13 subscribers to the *Woman's Home Missions.* The Auxiliary was organized in June, 1909, by Miss Maud Dawson.

One life membership has been reported, and a barrel of fruit valued at $25.35 sent to the Kansas City Training School. To this successful organization I have desired to see others added, but not until the close of the year did we have a recruit. September 18th Mrs Carrie E. Cope organized an Auxiliary of ten members in Huffman Memorial Church, St. Joseph.

Our Church at Maryville has taken a hundred-dollar scholarship, for two years, in the Kansas City National Training School.

September 28th our Conference Anniversary was held, and Mrs. Cope very ably addressed the meeting. This year we added to our list of officers a Conference Organizer, a Reading Circle Secretary, and a Secretary of Literature.

The new year's dawn brings signs of promise, which we hope means increased interest and further development of the work in this important field.

Mrs. C. J. Chase, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MONTANA.

It is with much pleasure the Twelfth Annual Report from Montana Conference is given. The past year has seen signs of new growth. Our Mothers' Jewels have been cared for, and new Auxiliaries are being organized.

During the past few weeks Miss Barge and Mrs. C. L. Weaver have brought us new life, and to-day our membership in the Conference is more than doubled, and we believe last year's seed sowing will bring greater results twelve months hence. Our work is known through the Supply Department, and it is a stated fact that many of our preachers could not remain in the field were it not for the help received from the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Within the past few months thousands of new people have entered our State to make for themselves new homes, and we feel as never before the great need of the work of this Society; and we are praying for wisdom to teach them the ways of the Christ, our every effort being to impress upon their lives the motto of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, "For the love of Christ and in His Name."

Mrs. N. E. Church, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEWARK.

Henry Van Dyke has said:

"Heaven is blest with perfect rest,
But the blessing of earth is toil."

In this beautiful couplet we find a truth that exactly expresses the facts in connection with our work for our beloved Society. Our toil in its behalf has given us a full measure of blessing, and in that respect at least the dear Lord has provided for us a reward second only to the one we hope to receive when "Our Pilot" has guided us through the toilsome passage of Life and brought us at last to rest in the Eternal Haven of Peace. The quality of our work, like Portia's Quality of Mercy, "Is not strained; it falleth like the gentle rain from heaven to the earth beneath;" it is twice blessed, it blesseth him that gives and him that takes; but while the blessing our labor has brought to others is hard to estimate, *we* have received in the giving of it.

The loyal women of this Conference have accomplished a splendid record for the year 1909-1910. Never has the blessing of toil been more completely illustrated than in the year just closed, and as we look over the results, they come to us like a benediction, at the end of the year's labors, for the work has all been given for the uplift of humanity in this dear homeland of ours—the Father's own vineyard, and the *good* we have received in the doing of it is simply an illustration of the Father's appreciation of it.

There has been the closing of the records of the work of another year; the passing of another milestone, and the hands on God's timekeeper are a little nearer to the point where they shall meet and declare that time is no more, and that eternity for us all has commenced. It will be *then,* and then only, that we shall really know of our work and what kind it has been.

In whatever plans or purposes that have been adopted by the Society as a whole, the Newark Conference has never been laggard in accepting its share of the responsibility or in accepting opportunities for service in its own particular field. We point with pride to the growth of the work of our deaconesses, the establishment of deaconess homes, and the gradual but material increase in our contributions toward the support of the homes and schools already established and to the building of new institutions, and the furtherance of all good work initiated and directed by our Board of Managers.

Our two Deaconess Homes established in our Conference are doing good work. Our dear deaconesses are in continuous demand and are a source of great helpfulness to many of our Churches and missions, and a blessing to many, many homes, which, but for their kind ministration, would be desolate indeed.

We are pleased to report that our Conference pledges have all been met. While this is an "oft repeated tale," we are especially gratified this year because our pledges were larger and our obligations greater than ever before. Our Treasurer reported having paid into the treasury of the General Society for the year 1909-1910 more than $14,836. Our mite-boxes, those silent collectors, brought into the treasury a splendid sum. Our Secretary of Supplies submitted a most excellent report for the year.

Our Young People's work, since its leader was called home two years ago, has fallen a little short of that enthusiastic progress that has dominated Young People's work in the Conference, but we feel sure that our

prayers will be answered and that leaders for the great work will be given us.

We are of course glad to have been the first Conference to complete our apportionment to the Building and Improvement Fund, and we are proud of the map given us by the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers held in Los Angeles.

Our principal effort now is to complete the second requirement of the Forward Movement and double our membership. I have an *abiding faith* in the women of the Newark Conference and believe that when once they realize the importance and necessity for consummating this proposition, they will take it up enthusiastically and *do it.*

We are looking forward to speedily securing a subscription list of at least one thousand each to *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions.*

As we close the record of the year that has gone we open the record of the year to come, and shall inscribe upon its pages the things that we accomplish in the days before us. We find opportunity presses us close upon every hand, opportunities that, if we might accept them all, would fill our record full to overflowing with the statements of good work. It will tell of the redemption of pledges, of the sowing of seed—but no record of harvest time, for God's own accountant only keeps record of that, and we shall not see it until in His own good time He calls us to view it "in the land of the Tree of Life."

Mrs. Hedley R. Woodward,
Corresponding Secretary.

NEW ENGLAND.

New England Conference reports an advance in receipts over last year of upwards of $1,000. The year has been one of earnest work rewarded with its meed of success. The dues of two thousand members have gone to the general fund, student aid has been given to beneficiaries in many Homes, while special funds have met other needs. Through the untiring labors of their Superintendents and assistants our Conference Homes have given help to thousands. Mrs. E. M. Taylor, Superintendent of the Hull Street Settlement and Medical Mission, has faithfully directed its interests and given unsparingly of time and strength to the work which is so varied. There were 14,754 cases treated in the medical department, a marked increase over the figures of last year. The school nurse has sent the eye, ear, nose, and throat cases on the district to the Mission. Forty children have been cared for in the ward from time to time. A larger number of clubs and classes have been sustained than last year. Miss Woodworth, the social worker, is most efficient and her cheery face and sweet manner win the people on the district. A new club, a union of all the clubs is to meet monthly. Two stamp saving stations have been maintained—one at the Mission, the other at a North End factory. The annual exhibition of work in June, for which one hundred and twenty articles were made, was of great interest and showed much really beautiful needle work, posters made by the boys' clubs, and dainty dishes prepared for the sick room.

Although immigration may have been somewhat less than in other years, the labors of Mrs. A. C. Clark, Superintendent of the East Boston Immigrant Home, have in no wise lessened. With the increasing co-operation on the part of the Government with our work, many cases which do not actually need to be kept at detention quarters are turned over to her.

Difficult cases demanding wise judgment and quick action as well as great expenditure of time and strength are constantly arising, and Mrs. Clark meets every emergency. This year she has been called upon very frequently to speak in the interest of the building fund. Upwards of $12.000 has been pledged for the new building. We are grateful to other Conferences which have aided us. We need and ask yet more help. Miss H. B. Cooper, Treasurer of the building fund, has labored through the year unceasingly in the interest of this work. We shall welcome increased facilities for work which the new Home will afford, but the decaying condition of the present building demands a change. Two thousand seven hundred and twenty-two lodgings have been furnished at the East Boston Home, twenty-two marriages have been solemnized, one birth and one funeral have occurred. The Charlestown Annex has helped hundreds arriving by the White Star and Allan Lines.

Under the able management of Mrs. Annie O. Clark the work of the literature room at 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, has been most successfully prosecuted. Our women feel that its discontinuance would have been a very great detriment to the work in the Conference. Our prayers for help and guidance have been answered in the past, and in Him is our dependence for the future, trusting in His strength to make each year better that the last. (Mrs.) Sarah Wyman Floyd.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.

While the gain in membership and subscribers is not as great as we had hoped for on our Conference, still the advance is encouraging. Several Auxiliaries in addition to their regular pledges have contributed to the building and improvement fund. The Auxiliary at Anteboro, Mass., has doubled its membership, and a Queen Esther Circle has been formed at New London, Conn., by the union of the Home Mission Circle and King's Daughters. The Auxiliary at Mystic, Conn., has disbanded.

Miss Mary B. Mahon, one of the Field Secretaries, gave the address at the Annual Conference Anniversary. All who were privileged to hear her received an inspiration for home missionary work. At the camp meeting at Willimantic, Conn., Rev. James T. Docking, President of Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss., spoke in the interests of our work, and the Conference President, Mrs. Walter P. Buck, has given addresses at Providence, R. I., and New London, Conn.

The Supply Secretary reports eight hundred and fifteen partly worn garments, and new supplies and freight, valued at $400.22, sent to pastors and schools in the West and South.

One hundred and twenty-five copies of the Annual Report and leaflet literature have been circulated. The text-book is used in several of the Auxiliaries, and every Auxiliary is urged to profit by the generous offers of help made by the Secretary of general publications.

The amount of money paid to the different funds follow: General fund, $1,255.12; student aid fund, $751.27; special fund, $452; building and improvement fund, $313.95; total, $2,772.34. Of this amount $225 for building and improvement fund was reported last year.

At New London, Conn., local work has been carried on in charge of the Home Missionary Society; $120 has been raised in addition to funds for the regular work of the Society, and an appropriation has been granted by the National Society.

Many opportunities for service come to all interested in Home Missionary work. May we respond readily to every call, believing that "The good life is the life that reaches out, that fulfills itself in ministration to other lives. The life that counts is the life that serves; the life that counts most is the life that serves most."

MRS. ALBERT W. ROGERS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The year just closed marks the end of a quarter century of our Conference organization. The first Auxiliary in New Hampshire Conference was formed October 1, 1884, by Miss Hattie Emerson; the following spring, April 18th, the Conference Society was organized. As we review the work of the past year, we realize that we have not come up to the point we hoped to reach. We have gained new members, but we have also lost members, so I can not report a large increase as I had hoped. Our pledges for last year are all paid, and the pledges for the present year increased.

During the year much literature has been distributed and more textbooks and lesson helps are being used. At our Conference Anniversary we were fortunate in having Rev. W. H. Wilder to give the address. At district meetings and the several camp grounds the work was well represented by able speakers capable of telling of the merits and needs of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Inasmuch as this first quarter of the year has given us two new Auxiliaries, one Circle of Queen Esthers, and one band of Home Guards, we look forward to seeing greater results.

MRS. E. B. SAVAGE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW JERSEY.

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the New Jersey Conference was celebrated at our Annual Conference Meeting, held in First Church, New Brunswick, N. J., November 9th and 10th. It may be of interest to our sister Conferences to know the call to the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was given to the women of the New Jersey Conference by Mrs. J. Fowler Willing at the session of the Conference held in New Brunswick in March, 1885—so says the record—and the first Annual Meeting was held in 1886. At a session of the Conference Executive Board it was unanimously determined to celebrate this great event not only by an appropriate program but by a Free Will Offering, which should be a real thank-offering for the wonderful way in which the Lord has blessed and prospered our work. Should we estimate our prosperity by the women interested our increase in membership from 465 to 3,000 is indeed gratifying. Should we estimate it from a financial point of view, $332 in 1886, and $5,294 in 1910 is truly remarkable.

The year just closed we pledged and have supported thirty-eight homes and schools. Many of these gifts are not large, but we have widened the interest of our women by allowing them to invest not only their gifts but themselves in this broad and growing field of need. It was finally decided to give as a special gift to mark this great event a missionary boat!—a boat to Sinuk Mission to carry supplies from Nome to Sinuk, to carry driftwood to the Mission from several miles up the

coast, as it is now scarce near Sinuk, but especially to enable the Eskimos on King Island to make their homes at Sinuk, where the children and young people can attend school and all come under the influence of the Mission. These people number about three hundred, have never had a missionary or teacher to work among them on this island, which is formed of rocks and cliffs, on the sides of which cling the Eskimos' huts. All inquiries indicate they are dissatisfied with present conditions and are anxious about God and the better life. The Auxiliaries raised $950 and the Young People, which are a great delight to our Conference Board, raised as their share $250, to equip it. It is a choice bit of missionary work, we feel, and are proud to be able to state the "New Jersey" is already in those frozen waters of the far North. The four districts of our Conference have each held their regular district meetings, and the Quarterly Executive Board meetings are largely attended. The spirit of love and harmony is in our work and is a blessing to all. Bancroft Rest Home, claimed by our Conference, last year entertained more missionaries and deaconesses than any previous year. Miss Mosher, the faithful and greatly beloved superintendent for the past eight years, found it necessary to resign, not that burdens were heavier but strength was not sufficient. Miss Mosher is now in her old home with true and tried friends resting. Mrs. Dunshee, who was the very able assistant of Miss Mosher, has been called to other Christian work, work nearer her family. We shall all miss these two capable and delightful women in our visits to Rest Home, yet we very lovingly pledge our support and co-operation to the new Superintendent, Miss Madelyn Whyland. Miss Mary Mahon spent the month of April in our Conference, instructing and inspiring our women to greater effort, and organizing several new societies. The Conference Anniversary Address was delivered by Rev. O. F. Bartholo, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and was a strong, eloquent appeal to our American women to help win America for Christ. With a greater knowledge of our work and an organization more effective each year in presenting our work the outlook for the coming year is indeed encouraging. And as our twenty-five years have been rich in blessings of service, the prayer of our Conference women, I'm sure, is, "Lord, if I may, I'll work another day."

Mrs. Wesley B. Stout, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW YORK.

Another year with its opportunities for service has gone! While all our hopes have not been realized, nor all our plans carried out, still we reverently thank God that in His strength so much has been accomplished.

Could all the details of the devotion and sacrifice made by the elect women who have labored for the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the New York Conference during the past year be fully told it would read like a veritable romance. In many ways the year has been a joyous, as well as a successful one. Perfect harmony has prevailed throughout the entire year, and at our monthly board meetings, where there has been unity of purpose and action, a beautiful spirit of devotion has been displayed, and we have been inspired and strengthened for better service as the result of such gatherings.

At most of these meetings we have enjoyed the presence, and been benefited by the wisdom and experience of our beloved President Emeritus, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, whose lifelong devotion to the cause knows no waning.

We never fail to recognize that much of our interest and success in the work are instigated by our honored President, Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, who by her loyalty and enthusiasm inspires us all with a measure of her own spirit. Not only is Mrs. Park abundant in labors, but she enlists and then inspires those whom she persuades to enter the work.

It has been our object during the year to broaden and in every way extend our work. This has been possible through the efforts of our Field Secretary, Miss Mary Mahon, who has labored most successfully in our midst, winning the love and admiration of every worker. We are happy to be able to report ten new Auxiliaries, which means an increase of nearly three hundred members, making a total membership of about seventeen hundred.

In all departments we are gaining more compact organization and more intelligent toilers.

It was very gratifying to have three delegates representing us at the Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, Cal., last October, at which great gathering they were deeply impressed by the extent and vast importance of our work.

The Watts De Peyster Home for Girls at Tivoli, N. Y., is a beautiful Christian institution in every sense of the word. Under the excellent supervision of Miss Schveder and Miss Boddington the girls are being trained to meet the practical demands of life.

The work of the Immigrant Girls' Home in New York City still means security and comfort to the many foreign girls landing on our shores. The faithful and loving ministry of Miss Mathews and Miss Mitchell on behalf of these strangers within our gates never flags summer or winter.

Our hearts are indeed gladdened as we look back upon the months of continued earnest work, and as we recall the readiness of our Auxiliary members and beautiful Queen Esthers to follow the divine leadings.

We learn from time to time of the magnificent results accomplished on Ellis Island, in the great Southland and the far frontier, in lovely Porto Rico, in distant Alaska, and to sum up all these loving ministries, or measure their real value, must be left to Him who owns and blesses our work and who upholds our workers.

In all our plans and efforts love must be the one motive power, and we must say with Paul, "For the love of Christ constraineth us"—the Christ whose sacrificial death was the supreme exhibition of love.

"Away all creeds but this: For love He wrought,
Who sowed with spring flowers our mortal graves;
Only with hatred and its ills He fought,
Claiming as seraphs those who toiled as slaves.
For love He fought! Be faith or clear or dim
He waits, in love, for all who follow Him."

Mrs. T. H. Bargawanath, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW YORK EAST.

Another round of days and months has passed and the sweet-toned *silver bell* has been added to the chime of bells which for twenty-five years has pealed from the New York East Conference watch-tower of the Woman's Home Missionary Society the good news of gospel to the needy and destitute in many parts of the homeland. And the music of the bells has been growing sweeter and stronger as each succeeding year the added

bells have pealed forth their melody when played upon by the great Master hand. The record of the twenty-five years has been one of almost steady progress, both as to number of members and receipts, and it is with pleasure that we can report that the twenty-fifth year is the very best ever made.

The growth from the first to the present year may be indicated by the contrast of the first year's receipts, amounting to $648.96, to the last, $12,440; the sum total for the twenty-five years being $160,005. Pledges for the support of the work were made to forty-seven homes and schools, and a conditional pledge amounting to $525 for local work at four points in the Conference, viz.: Astoria, L. I.; New Haven, Conn.; Middletown, Conn., and Brooklyn, N. Y. For some time there has been a growing conviction in the hearts of many that there was much need of missionary work in the bounds of the New York East Conference. That there is *great* need can not be doubted with the very large per cent of foreign born people pouring in at the Eastern gateway of our country.

The Industrial work in Brooklyn, started one year ago, enters its second year with good prospects of rapid growth. One hundred and fifty girls were enrolled in the five departments of work carried on last year, which means that that number of lives were touched and helped to form higher ideals of life. A kindergarten, boys' clubs, and a Sunday school are in the plans for the future. That every department of the work is growing is due to the faithful, conscientious efforts of the devoted women in charge of the various interests of the work, and the loyal support of Auxiliaries and Circles.

The Young People have shown increased interest and enthusiasm under the wise and splendid leadership of their Secretary, Miss E. M. Chadwick, and are assisting in all lines of work assumed by the Conference.

Matters relating to the work of the two Deaconess Homes are always of interest to the Auxiliaries and Circles, and a generous support is given by them. Training schools of superior excellence are carried on in both Homes.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Conference meeting was one of unusual interest and inspiration, as was also the Conference Anniversary at Middletown, Conn. A most cheering and enthusiastic address was given by the presiding Bishop, Rev. David H. Moore, D. D.

The Treasurer's books show an increase in totals for this year of $557. Three new Auxiliaries and five new Circles have been added during the year, and the prospect for others is promising. Districts are busy planning an itinerary for Miss Barge during November.

With thankful hearts for the success of the past, we turn our faces hopefully to the new year.

(Mrs.) Lillian Leonard Slack, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH CAROLINA.

While we rejoice to report much real good work done in our Conference during the past year, it is a source of much regret to say there has been a slight falling off in our work. It is not due to a lack of interest, but because of some changes brought about by our Annual Conference and otherwise, which removed some of our active officers to places where they were not in touch with the work save by correspondence.

We have a few new Auxiliaries, but there are many of the older ones that must be revived. Along with our other collections we have pledged

$100 for the rebuilding of Kent Home. A part of this amount has been raised and we shall work earnestly until the last dollar is raised. We find the *Home Missions* and the *Children's Home Missions* helpful in our work.

Another year it is our plan to more than double the number of subscriptions to these papers.

The Young People's work has been somewhat neglected, and it is only in a few places where they seem active at all. Yet we know of excellent work done by the "faithful few" during the past year, for which we feel much encouraged.

Our plans and prayers have not been fully realized, but we have not lost interest and feel that another year's work will be marked by more pleasing results in His Name.

(Mrs.) Anna E. Peace, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH DAKOTA.

During the past year we have been encouraged to go forward. Our Auxiliaries have met their pledges and have ministered to the comfort of many homes in the State. Some of the good done is recorded in our books, but much of it in the hearts of the givers and recipients.

Our Annual Meeting was held in Jamestown in June. We had a larger number of delegates than ever before and Mrs. M. E. Roberts to cheer us on.

During June Mrs. Roberts was in the Conference. Five new Auxiliaries were organized and one Queen Esther Circle reorganized. New members were added to strengthen old societies, and much information, help, and enthusiasm given in each place visited.

For the keeping of the numbers and the small gain during the years we owe the few faithful women in each place who hold on to God in faith and hold the other women with their persistent patience and love.

May the time come speedily when our hosts of Methodist women will catch the vision "America for Christ" and not be disobedient to it.

Mrs. F. W. Heidel, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH INDIANA.

As we come to the close of another year and pause a moment for a review of the work, we rejoice that by the faithfulness and activity of the workers a fair degree of success has been obtained and that we are able to report an increase, both in interest and finances, along at least some lines of our work.

At the beginning of the year a circular letter called attention to the "forward movement," but while we have made some gain, both in membership and finances, we have not yet doubled our membership, neither have we paid our share of the "Building and Improvement Fund." But we are still working along these lines and hope that we may yet awaken interest and enlist more of the women of our dear old Church in the cause of Home Missions.

Special mention of the mite-box work of our Conference seems appropriate, for by the constant and untiring efforts of our faithful Mite-Box Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Rohrer, our Conference is once more the banner Conference of the Nation in amount of money collected from the silent

little messengers. We rejoice, not simply because we stand first in our mite-box report, but because of our ability to do larger work as a result of this financial gain.

The President, Mrs. J. C. Murray, has visited a number of Auxiliaries, and by her earnest and inspiring addresses has aroused new zeal and enthusiasm, and at other places has been able to effect new organizations.

Our Conference Meeting at Marion last fall was a source of much interest and inspiration for we had with us our beloved National Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. L. Williams, who gave us not only a splendid address, but also words of admonition and advice. We also had with us Mrs. M. Libby Allen, one of our faithful organizers; Mrs. W. A. Davis, Matron of Cunningham Orphanage; Miss Margaret Flanders of Marcy Home; and Miss McDowell, a deaconess; so the meeting was really a feast of good things.

At the meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society during the session of our Annual Conference Dr. F. H. Wright gave us a thrilling address on our Italian work.

In May a special Home Missionary Rally was held at Marion. A host of good speakers, including Mrs. W. B. Thirkield, one of our National Vice-Presidents, gave us much encouraging information and showed us most clearly the great need for larger work, and increased activity along all lines of the work. As we had a fairly good representation of Woman's Home Missionary Society workers present we hope for good results from the rally.

In June each of our six districts held a two days' meeting, and it was my great privilege to be present at each and hear the splendid reports of the various Secretaries, have a part in the discussions, and listen to the inspiring addresses of Miss Josephine Corbin, Mrs. Margaret D. Moors, Mrs. Celestine Bernheim, and Dr. F. H. Wright. All the districts stand loyally by our various lines of work, and each district voted a slight increase in apportionments.

We mourn the loss of Mrs. Loretta Barnett, who for eighteen years rendered faithful and efficient service as Corresponding Secretary of Logansport District. "She rests from her labors, but her works do follow her." Several of our members have been called upon to part with loved ones, but God's grace has been sufficient and "By and by we'll go and meet them on the other shore."

Our hearts are full of love and gratitude to the dear Heavenly Father for His tender watchcare over us during the past year, for the degree of success which has crowned our efforts, for His patience with our failures and shortcomings, and for the special blessings and privileges which have been ours to enjoy, and it is the earnest desire of our hearts to be more faithful and loyal, more fully consecrated to His service in the years to come. MRS. A. B. CLINE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

In many respects the past year has been the best year in our history. Financially our record is not found wanting. We have paid all that we pledged and more, and have increased our pledges for the coming year. Our membership has increased, although the number of our Auxiliaries remains the same. Some new Auxiliaries have been organized, but a corresponding number have grown weary in well doing and have fallen out of the ranks.

This is the first year that every district in our Conference has been organized and equipped with a full corps of officers. Fergus Falls District having been organized last January, their first district meeting held in the spring was pronounced by Miss Corbin, who was present, to be a great success; some of the papers she said were of a high quality of excellence. Leitchfield District held a very successful and interesting meeting, with a representation from every Auxiliary in the district (we believe) except two. This district pledged and paid, beside its other pledges, $100 for a room in the Chinese Home at San Francisco, to be named the Leitchfield District Northern Minnesota Conference room; they have also pledged a like amount this year to name a room in Kent Home. Good reports of the district meeting of the Duluth District were received by the Corresponding Secretary. Duluth people are justly proud of their Deaconess Home. The most of their pledges naturally go to sustaining this Home. Minneapolis District is the only one having two district meetings in the year.

Of course this district has the advantage of being more compact—nearly all of its Auxiliaries being in the city of Minneapolis. We can not give a correct report of the number of subscribers to the paper, as many Secretaries fail to report this item. We have two Auxiliaries which rank as first class, Simpson Auxiliary with its sixty-five members and sixty-five subscribers, and Cornell with eight members and eleven subscribers. We have had the services of Miss Mahon, Miss Corbin, and Miss Nicholson, also Mrs. Mack, of Honolulu. Mrs. Cope, of Topeka, Kans., gave us her stereopticon lecture.

While in attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers we were deeply impressed with the significance of such a great gathering of Christian women. These women, with the thousands of others in their respective Conferences whom they represented, working together for the love of Christ and in His Name, constitute a force which we may rightly say is a mighty factor in helping to solve some of the problems of our Nation and to bring this world to a knowledge of Christ the Savior.

"If we only had the money that belongeth to our King;
If the reapers of God's bounties all their tithes would only bring,
Then the windows of the heavens would fly wide at His command,
And He 'd pour us out a blessing that would overflow the land.
O, ye stewards, get ye ready! Soon will come the reckoning
When we 'll answer for the money that belongeth to our King."

Mrs. S. J. Weeks, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

While our plans and hopes have not all been carried out and realized, from the efforts of the devoted workers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society I am pleased to report a growth in interest and gain along some lines of work.

We now have ninety-three Auxiliaries with a gain of only fifty-five members during the year. While many Auxiliaries report new accessions, their membership remains the same on account of removals.

We have in Queen Esther Circle members a gain of two hundred and twenty-nine; a gain of eleven Home Guards. I am sorry I must report a loss of thirty-nine Jewels. We have eight hundred and thirty-eight subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions,* but I must report a loss of eighteen.

We have five hundred and thirty-six subscribers to *Children's Home Missions,* making a gain of fifty-two. Over one thousand of Dr. Platt's leaflets, "An Open Door for Methodist Women," have been distributed in our Conference, from which we expect to realize helpful results.

We observed the Thirtieth Anniversary of our Society very generally in our Auxiliaries in June, applying our gifts for the building fund of our Italian Mission in Utica, N. Y. The Mission has outgrown its surroundings and we have rented a more commodious building for the present, and anticipate laying the corner-stone for a new mission house November 3d, with our National Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. L. Williams, as our honored guest.

Mrs. H. L. Hill attended our May Conventions and greatly helped and inspired all who had the pleasure of listening to her addresses. She gained new members, secured scholarships and pledges for our Mission. Mrs. Hill kindly came to us again in August and gave our Anniversary address at Thousand Island Park. Mrs. Mack, of our Susannah Wesley Home, Honolulu, gave several addresses to our Auxiliaries and Queen Esther Circles, also spoke in four of our Churches on the Sabbath, giving interesting experiences regarding the conditions existing in her part of our Home Missionary work in foreign surroundings.

As we were unable to secure a Field Secretary for our camp-meetings, one of the pastors graciously came to our rescue and represented our work and was highly appreciated. One of our own young ladies has entered the National Training School at Washington, D. C., a beautiful Christian girl of whom we are justly proud.

A change in district boundaries came to us at our Annual Conference in April, reducing our five districts to four, and also changing our names. While the Conference work remains the same, we have a less number of workers and some difficulty in adjusting ourselves to our new conditions.

Two of our District Secretaries have been active in service since the beginning of our new year, and already four Auxiliaries and two Queen Esther Circles have been organized. Our Conference pledges are more than paid and an increase pledged for another year. We most earnestly pray that the blessing of the Master may rest upon our work and workers during the present year.

With Mary B. Sherman we realize more and more "It is in activity in doing and giving and loving that the joy of life must be sought."

MRS. A. C. DANFORTH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH NEBRASKA.

In summing up the work of the year, considering the losses and the gains, we are able to report progress. While three Auxiliaries have ceased to be active, five new ones have been organized. Mrs. Cotton Mather was in our Conference as organizer and did faithful work. Several societies were organized among the Young People. An enthusiastic Conference Convention was held at Central City, at which time reports of the year's work were encouraging. With about eight hundred members in Auxiliaries, one hundred and eighty Queen Esthers and Home Guards, one hundred and seventy Reading Circle members, three hundred subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions,* seventy subscribers to *Children's Home Missions,* $1,600 pledged for the opening year with over $2,000 paid the past year, we look forward with a good degree of hope and expectation for

another year. Our societies have greater interest in our literature, which can not fail to produce good results.

Our first Annual Conference report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was published this year, and we feel sure it will create new interest in the work. We have the service of two deaconesses, graduates of Kansas City Training School. A very inspiring Anniversary was held in September, with Mrs. Libby Allen and Mrs. Mauk, Deaconesses from Kansas City, as speakers. We expect to do our best the coming year.

MRS. WILLIAM GORST, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH OHIO.

It seems so short a time since the last report was written that we can scarcely realize that one more year with its possibilities and opportunities for service has flown. A recent writer has said. "Our interest in missions is a mark of Christian character, our knowledge of missions is the measure of our efficiency, our participation in missions is a mark of our Christian attainment."

We believe these statements are true, and when we can interest more of our women their efficiency and participation through knowledge will be very marked. This number is increasing with a steady growth that is gratifying. This has been the best financial year in our history, our gain being nearly one thousand dollars. Mrs. Bliss, of Saginaw, Mich., spent a month with us in the spring and five Auxiliaries and as many Circles resulted from her work.

After twenty-four years of service as President of our Conference, Mrs. Henry C. Hedges felt compelled to give up the work so near her heart on account of the failing health of her husband. After so many years as presiding officer, the entire Convention felt lost without her and she was unanimously elected President Emeritus.

While the workers may drop out one by one we must not become discouraged, for it is the Master's work.

Bishop Bristol has said that the Woman's Home Missionary Society is applied Christianity. If this be true, let us take a stronger hold than ever on the Infinite and remember in the language of Phillips Brooks, that "Prayer is not a conquering of God's reluctance, but a taking hold of His willingness."

MRS. M. W. REECE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST INDIANA.

Every year adds to our success, as the last is always better than the previous one. We have four new Auxiliaries, with several new Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels Bands. Several Auxiliaries doubled their membership, while a few more than doubled. Our dues, pledges, and building and improvement fund were all paid by the last of June, the close of our fiscal year.

A two hundred dollar new Epworth piano was sent to the Rebecca McClesky Home as our Twenty-fifth Anniversary thank offering.

A splendid cottage for our Woman's Home Missionary headquarters at our camp ground was bought last year and paid for.

Our five District meetings held the first two weeks in May were well attended, with splendid programs. Our Annual Meeting, held every year

at Battle Ground, three days preceding our camp-meeting, has done more to interest our women and give them help in the work than anything we have through the year.

Our Conference pledged two cents per week per member for mite-boxes for the coming year, with an increase in pledges of $500 over last, with a pledge of $2,000 to the general fund. We have September for our dues paying month. Mrs. Brush, of California, Field Secretary, gave the Anniversary address at our Ministerial Conference October 1st.

MRS. D. M. WOOD, *Corresponding Secretaray.*

NORTHWEST IOWA.

The work of the year in our Conference has been very successful, enabling us to give a better report than ever before.

We are glad not only to report an increase of two hundred in membership, but also to report that all our pledges have been met and that $1,328 more has been raised this year than in any other year in the history of our Conference society.

Mrs. M. E. Roberts, a dear friend to many in our Conference, spent five weeks with us last spring doing most excellent work. She attended our District Conventions and also organized nine new Auxiliaries.

Miss Morton, the Superintendent of our Shesler Deaconess Home, has a good report to offer this year. The Industrial School at Wall Street Mission, Sioux City, is meeting with great success.

We are very glad to have Miss Troyer, our deaconess, tell of this work at our National meeting. We are pleased with the work of the past year in our Conference, but are not going to be content with doing just what we have done. We intend to go forward, to strive just a little harder to double the membership and to secure as many subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* as members.

In asking women to become members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society we are not asking a sacrifice, for it usually happens that the one who does the most for others discovers that she has received an added blessing in her own life. For it is true in every department of life that, "Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you."

(MISS) MINNIE ELIZABETH HICKMAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST KANSAS.

Our State is permeated with missions, and there is a wave sweeping over the country that is felt in our Conference as never before.

We attribute it largely to the Laymen's Missionary Movement. We are sure it will be a great help to our Society, for in union there is strength, and it brings the men in touch with our work, and where the families become interested the work of the Lord will prosper.

Auxiliaries spring up almost like Jonah's gourd in a night, and I am sorry to say some of them wither and die almost as quickly for the want of suitable leaders who are willing to study and prepare for the places assigned them.

When an organization is reported to me I send them literature and a letter giving suggestions and ideas and special plans for work, and do all I can to help them from my home, for my duties are such that I can not visit the societies as often as I would like to.

The course of study has been a great help to our societies, and the most of them have taken advantage of this source of knowledge, and have profited by it.

They are becoming acquainted with the home missionary work in its different phases.

Osborne has become very much interested in Eliza Dee Home, and I pledge for them for the benefit of this home fifty dollars Student Aid.

I received word from Hoxie, a little country place, just before leaving home that in their previous meeting they doubled their membership and decided to assume my pledge of fifteen dollars for Jesse Lee Home, and would do more than this during the missionary year.

They tell me they are much interested in Mothers' Jewels and have a bright prospect for a Queen Esther Circle in the near future.

Lebanon also sent me good news.

Through the instrumentality of Mrs. Daniel Onstott, at a public meeting where they are located this year they added fifteen members to the Auxiliary, organized a Queen Esther Circle with fifteen members, also Mothers' Jewels band. They also pledge a scholarship of fifty dollars Student Aid for Adeline Smith Home. The Queen Esthers pledged fifty dollars for Ritter Home.

Oberlin Auxiliary pledged and has now paid in full fifty dollars scholarship for Rebecca McCleskey Home at Boaz, Ala., the same as last year.

Salina has pledged for Berkeley Home, California, fifty dollars, to apply on a scholarship.

We have a bright, intelligent class of girls organized into a Queen Esther Circle, and I think you will hear something of them later.

Luray has a live Auxiliary that pledges fifty dollars to apply on a scholarship. I think we will bring the amount for each of these two up to seventy dollars, but will pledge only the fifty now.

The Queen Esthers want a girl in Rebecca McCleskey Home.

Oakley's Queen Esther girls pledge fifty dollars and the Auxiliary twenty-five dollars.

So you can see that our Conference is becoming awakened to the great necessities in our home land, and are wanting a part in the redemption of the race.

We paid more than double the amount I pledged last year and increased our pledges this year according to the amount paid.

I believe we will double the amount pledged during the missionary year.

Our Conference Deaconess, Miss Benedict, has been a great help to us; she inspires the people to better and more noble lives wherever she goes, and has educated the people on mission lines, and has proven herself to be a very successful organizer. She has also been a great help to our ministers in evangelistic work, and has been called back to the same field many times.

Miss Clara Baxter, one of our own Conference girls, who graduated from Fisk Training School, is assistant pastor in Salina, and is doing splendid work, and is very helpful in leading and holding the young people to the Church.

Miss Edna Ruhlen, who graduated from Fisk last spring, is the Ellsworth District Deaconess.

She has been telling the missionary story in a series of conventions in the district very successfully, and organized an Auxiliary at Natoma with fifteen members at the close of the evening service.

Mrs. M. Libby Allen, of Des Moines, Iowa, was with us Conference week and made the annual address.

With her eloquence and earnestness for the cause she loves the people were awakened and seed was sown that has been yielding fruit all the year.

At the close of her address Dr. Iliff took the floor and asked for a collection and got eighty-three dollars.

At the Convention in Denver I told you we had sixteen dollars laid aside as a nest egg toward a Deaconess Home. We added to it a little at a time until we finally bought two beautiful lots, fronting north and east near our Kansas Wesleyan University, for four hundred and seventy-five dollars.

The lots are now worth from fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars.

I brought the deeds with me and would like to have them examined, and if satisfactory would like to have credit this year.

We hope some time to have a rest home for our tired deaconesses, where they can have their own library and have the conveniences of home life when not at work.

I must not fail to mention the foreign missionary problem in our Conference which we, the people, are unable to solve.

Souls are at stake and our country is in danger unless we take the tnousands in our own State for Christ.

We want to lay a few facts before you, and hope to have suggestions from this great body of missionary workers that will help us in some way to meet our responsibility in this matter as we go to our homes.

In and about Cuba, a little place in Republic County, there is a population of about eight hundred, mostly Bohemians.

The most of the earlier settlers have given way to these, and have settled elsewhere.

We have a Church there, the only Protestant Church in the community doing anything.

The District Superintendent asked me if it would be possible to get a Bohemian Deaconess, said it was the only way he could see at present to reach them with the Bread of Life.

MRS. ISAIAH MCDOWELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

OHIO.

Faithfully and earnestly have our women been working the past year. This helps us to make a good report, with all our pledges met. Mrs. M. Libby Allen was with us for our Conference Convention at Gallipolis, rendering excellent assistance. Miss Nellie Snyder was with us during the month of March and organized several new Auxiliaries and Circles, also strengthening the work as she is so competent to do. Mrs. Carrie E. Cope assisted us at all the District meetings and won the hearts of all her hearers. Rev. W. C. Hartinger gave the Anniversary address at the Ohio Annual Conference, and Rev. T. H. Housel spoke for us at the Coolville Camp-meeting. Our Deaconess Home, a three-story building, is in course of construction and when completed will be a splendid home for our deaconesses.

Miss Mary E. Herrold (supported by our Conference) graduated this year at Rust Hall. By request she will remain there as an assistant teacher in Domestic Science.

The reading-room at Rust Hall was furnished complete by the Harriet McCabe Circle and Auxiliary of Broad Street Church, Columbus. We have named rooms in Thayer, Chinese, Peck, and Mitchell Homes.

Our hearts are sad because we can not report the doubling of our membership. What can we do to interest our women? May the Lord guide us and direct us that all our women may be won for this His work.

Mrs. E. W. Seeds, *Corresponding Secretary.*

OKLAHOMA.

It is with a feeling of disappointment in some respects that we can not present a better report of work in the Oklahoma Conference, and yet we are able to report advancement in interest, membership, and funds.

Mrs. Cotton Mather spent part of the months of November and December organizing and strengthening the work through public addresses and personal solicitation. As a result of her itinerary over a hundred new members were secured, two new Auxiliaries organized, and several children's organizations formed.

The greatest cause for rejoicing is in the increased interest of our young people and the increase of fifty per cent in finances over last year.

We need consecrated leaders more than anything else.

The Oklahoma field is in a great measure uncultivated and is a field of great future promise.

Interesting meetings were held in three districts last November and plans are being made for four this fall.

Our pledges were all paid, I believe, and more special offering paid than ever before. "In His Name."

Mrs. J. F. Warren, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA.

In reviewing the work of the past year we pause a moment to remember "that all the way the Lord our God hath led us." Our deaconess work has assumed great prominence on account of the enlarged quarters of our Home and the faithful and aggressive work of the Superintendent and her enthusiastic and consecrated co-workers. We have completed our Building and Improvement Fund. We pledged to General Fund $1,601, and raised $1,835.15; for Student Aid we pledged $991, and raised $1,173; also for Special General we pledged $632, and raised $1,063.86; thus paying $848.01 more than we pledged; total receipts, $18.853.77. With renewed faith and courage in our Heavenly Father we step into the next year knowing full well that we have His promise to lead and control all our work. Our Young People are a power in our Conference, extending their strong arms of helpfulness to the work committed to their care.

Mrs. David Dailey, Jr., *Corresponding Secretary.*

PITTSBURG.

The interest and growth of the Conference work is most encouraging, and we are thankful for what we have accomplished during the past year. Miss Corbin's visit during November and part of December and Mrs. H.

L. Hill's in March resulted in larger Thank-offerings, increased interest, and seven new Auxiliaries, besides some Circles and Bands and increased membership in old Auxiliaries. The pledges for the work outside the Conference have been met and our own Conference work well cared for. The addition to our Deaconess Home, Fifth Avenue and Jumonville Street, is about completed, containing seventeen bedrooms with baths and steam heat, a large assembly room, parlors, a kindergarten room, and all necessary comforts, making it one of the foremost buildings for deaconess work in the country.

The Deaconess Cottage at Ridgeview Park, Pa., a gift from a deceased member to the Board of Trustees of the Deaconess Home, was open during the summer months, and different deaconesses spent several weeks there, enjoying the quiet life in the woods.

The Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home at Hulton, Pa., is full of happy children, whose improvement since coming to us is so marked as to cause us great satisfaction. Twenty-five children are cared for by the home mother, Mrs. George Eyster.

Our special Conference work among the foreigners in the coke regions around Uniontown is under the care of Miss Sepeck and Miss Barosky, who are supported by our Conference.

Miss Elizabeth Davis, a former missionary, was released by our Conference Board, and has been placed in charge of the McCrum Training School for Slavonic young women at Uniontown. This school deserves help from all outside Conferences in the great work it has undertaken. One of our Queen Esther Circles is educating a young girl there.

The Supply Department has helped many ministers and their families, sending mostly new goods and often cash.

The Literature Department has progressed and been of great benefit.

The temperance work is growing rapidly.

The two deaconesses at work at the Union Station as Travelers' Aid are a blessing to many weary and helpless ones.

Twice this year death has entered our Conference Board and taken two of our valued officers, Miss Ingram, our Treasurer for twenty-five years, and Mrs. W. S. Baily, our Mite-box Secretary for twenty years. All along the line the ranks are thinning of our older members who are going home. "The healing of the world is in its nameless saints."

MRS. EDWARD H. UTLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PUGET SOUND.

As we look over the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Puget Sound Conference for the past year we feel that we have much to be thankful for. It has been the *best* year in the history of our Society, and shows a very gratifying increase in the membership of both Auxiliaries and Young People's organizations. But it is not by numbers alone that we measure our success. The *real* success of our organization depends upon the faithful work of the individual members of our Auxiliaries; and they have responded nobly to the call of "America for Christ."

We are also urging upon all our members the importance of reading and becoming better acquainted with the facts concerning the work of our Society; for the more we know about the work the more anxious we

become to have a part in it; and the *great pressing* need of our organization to-day all over our land seems to be for *more active* workers. Truly the "harvest is great, and the laborers are few."

We had the extreme pleasure of entertaining the National officers a year ago, and their presence among us even for a brief period lent a great impetus to the work in our Conference. As we listened to the stirring addresses of the noble women of God we were made to feel that the doing of the Master's work was indeed a privilege to be coveted by all.

We have also had with us the greater part of the time during the past year our beloved Field Secretary, Miss Carrie Barge. She has been an inspiration to us all, and through her efforts much interest has been awakened along missionary lines and several new societies have been organized.

We now have within our Conference thirty-four Auxiliaries, twenty-three Queen Esther Circles, seven Home Guard organizations, and twenty-one Mothers' Jewels Bands; making in all eighty-five organizations, with a total membership of two thousand and twenty-two. Who shall say that we can not accomplish great things with such an army of enthusiastic workers? The young women and children are carrying their share of the burden in a most praiseworthy manner, and the outlook for the coming year is most encouraging.

The five organized districts of our Conference have held meetings during the year which were full of interest; and a well attended Conference meeting was held in August, to which words of greeting and cheer were brought by many pastors and several District Superintendents. At this meeting Dr. T. W. Lane, of Tacoma, delivered a masterful address on the "Immigration Problem," presenting the subject from a very optimistic viewpoint; and Miss Barge gave a very enthusiastic talk on our work among the Spanish people in California, and the colored people of the South.

Our hearts are large enough to include not only these, but the needy ones of the Northland and the thousands of foreign-speaking people who are landing here in our midst every year, bringing with them their filth, ignorance, and superstition.

It is ours to educate and Christianize this element, and thus make them fit subjects for citizenship in this great Christian land of ours.

We have launched a new Mission in our Conference during the past year, which we feel is worthy of the best that we can give. It is the Italian Industrial Mission in the city of Tacoma. Miss Cella Sexton, the missionary in charge, is a thoroughly consecrated worker, and the work has grown from a small beginning to a school of more than sixty children, ranging in age from three to fifteen years.

The burden of this work has so far been borne entirely by our own Conference, but we hope soon to welcome the day when it shall become a child of the National Society.

Our Anniversary meeting was held in September, and we were fortunate in having with us at that time Dr. Mason, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, who spoke in the highest praise of the work which our organization has done among the colored women of the South. The Anniversary address, which was full of good things, was delivered by Miss Barge.

All our last year's pledges have been met, and we have pledged still greater things for the coming year, keeping ever before us our watchword, "We can and we will."

Mrs. H. P. Thomas, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ROCK RIVER.

In reviewing the work of the year we find that Rock River Conference, Woman's Home Missionary Society, has made good advance. We regret that we can not report a doubled membership, although we have gained many new members.

Our monthly Board meetings have outgrown our old quarters, and we rejoice in the increased interest which this fact proves.

Our Annual and Semi-annual Conference and District meetings are showing a decided improvement in attendance and enthusiasm. Each of the Department Secretaries reported good work done, most of them showing gains.

We have had in the Conference during the year for a few weeks each two of our Field Secretaries, Mrs. H. L. Hill and Miss Mary A. Mahon. The good these noble women have done can not be written on this page. Their faith, love, and enthusiasm for the work have been imparted to a degree to all the women who were fortunate enough to hear them. They did much to strengthen the work already established and organized nine new Auxiliaries and three Queen Esther Circles.

Our own women have organized three other Auxiliaries, making twelve new Auxiliaries for the year.

A Visitation Committee has been formed in some of the districts, consisting of the District Officers and Presidents of the Auxiliaries, whose duty it is to visit the Auxiliaries throughout their district, and help in any way they can to promote the work. We expect it to do much good.

Dr. Frederick H. Wright, of Pittsburg, gave inspiring addresses at Desplains and Franklin Grove Camp-meetings.

Mr. Bernheim, our Jewish worker, gave the address at Lena Camp-ground. Rev. T. R. Green at Epworth, and at New Lonox a program was made of various interesting features, Mrs. Fry and Mrs. Salter presenting the Young People's and Children's work.

Mrs. F. E. Brush, one of our reserve Field Secretaries, gave the address at our Preachers' Conference at Dixon.

Your Conference Secretary has visited thirty-one of the Auxiliaries, given one Thank-offering address, assisted at two other Thank-offering services, and attended all but one of the Board meetings. She has by use of telephone, correspondence, visitation, etc., done what she could to promote the interest of the work throughout the Conference, but home duties make it necessary for her to give up the work of the Corresponding Secretary.

May our women of Methodism in Rock River Conference stand firm in the great conflict and help to win "America for Christ."

Mrs. J. M. G. Carter, *Retiring Corresponding Secretary.*

ST. LOUIS.

The past year has been one of faithful, consecrated work by the women of our Conference. Our Conference has needed help in the way of supplies. The Supply Secretary, Mrs. Charles Gabelman, reported eleven hundred and ninety-nine garments distributed. Total value of boxes containing new goods and money, $1,044.61.

Of one of the most needy districts in the Conference writes the District Superintendent: "Five hundred of the eight hundred conversions on

the district this past year are placed to the credit of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. who had the honor of keeping the men on the charges; and of the clear gain in membership of four hundred, three hundred should be put to your credit."

We have raised in cash this past year $2,600.50. Our special work has been with Porto Rico, Honolulu, Alaska, Sinuk, Pottawatomie Indians, Navojo Mission, Tucson, Adeline Smith Home, Bennett, Harwood, Ritter, Chinese, Fisk Hall, Mitchell Home, Cunningham Orphanage, Japanese Kindergarten, Greenville, Rebecca McCleskey, Utah, Colorado Springs, Deaconess Hospital, Mothers' Jewels Home, Burge Hospital, Colored Deaconess Building Fund, Clark Memorial.

We had the pleasure of having with us at the Kansas City District Meeting Mrs. B. S. Potter, who gave us an earnest address on the general work and her especial child, Utah. The evening was given over to a rally of the young people, which was well attended. Miss Nellie Foster, Conference Secretary of Young People's Work, reported a membership of four hundred and eighty. The silk flag for doubling the membership was awarded the Independence Avenue Young Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Potter was also with us at our Conference Anniversary. She gave a strong address on the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

We held our first Conference Convention in May, at Sedalia, Mo., with a goodly number of delegates and most interesting sessions. Mrs. Carrie E. Cope gave an illustrated lecture on our Home Missionary Fields, while the pictures of Kansas City National Training School were being shown. Miss Garretson, Field Deaconess, told of the work being done at Fisk Hall.

Our pledges have been met. Springfield District has stood nobly by Burge Hospital, located at Springfield. Too much praise can not be given for our trained deaconess nurses located there.

Fisk Hall has been most helpful to us in presenting the work. It is a great power in our city. Miss Neiderheiser, Superintendent of Fisk Training School, is very helpful to us.

Our departments are doing their work well, and our women are realizing more and more the importance of every line of work. We have a goodly list of subscribers to *Home Missions*. Our Auxiliaries are planning to do splendid work in our pledges during the coming year, and are planning a rally for membership.

We ask your prayers.

Mrs. C. B. Spencer, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

As a Woman's Home Missionary Society during the past year we have realized to the fullest extent our responsibilities, but have neither fainted by the wayside nor thought the burden too heavy, and now feel that success has crowned our efforts and can sing our song of rejoicing.

We bring you a report of victories won in all departments of our work. The splendid work of our District Secretaries in the organization and building up of our societies makes us to show a gain of 25 per cent in membership. We number now in the two women's societies 5,240 members. We have 300 Home Guards and 1,623 Mothers' Jewels. Have increased in subscriptions to both publications, while thousands of pages of literature have been scattered and over four hundred books sold

and studied. We have raised in money $42,820.44, $10,000 more than last year, not counting over $2,300 cash spent for supplies. This does not include donations of property.

Our newest possession, the David and Margaret Home for Children, valued at $25,000, came to us clear. from Mr. Henry L. Kuns and wife, of Lordsburg, Cal. These magnificent people, out of the abundance of their hearts and the means God has given them, are helping us to care for His homeless little ones. It is a beautiful charity, and to-day, though only opened a few months ago, has within its safe confines thirty-five little children under the care of our wise Miss Nettie Chaffee, its Superintendent.

Our next newest possession is the Japanese Home, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Couch, of Los Angeles, known and honored both in Minneapolis and our own city for their generous gifts to Methodism. This is a thirteen-room house, well located, and presided over by Miss Mabel Anderson, who knows the Japanese language and the Japanese women and is doing excellent work among them. Of our hospital, our Frances DePauw, our deaconess homes, we have to say we are proud of the conduct of the institutions, and the personnel is all that could be desired. Most excellent reports are made, and our people keep up their interest in the good work.

Our Chinese work prospers in house to house visitation under Miss Norah Banks as missionary.

Never have we had so successful a year as the past in work done under Rev. J. A. Crouch for the Yuma Indians. Mr. and Mrs. Crouch are so influential in the tribe that one hundred children are in the Sunday school, and from one hundred to one hundred and fifty attend the preaching services. The chapel built two years ago must be enlarged.

Your Secretary has been largely helped in her field work by Miss Carrie Barge, National Field Secretary for Young People's Work, who spent six weeks in our Conference, delighting the people wherever she went and making friends for our cause; also Mrs. E. L. Miller, Conference Secretary for Young People, and Miss Edith M. Hough. We will not enumerate the number of visits to Churches and Auxiliaries, addresses made. miles traveled, letters written, money raised, Auxiliaries or Circles organized, nor members gained by your Secretary. She has given you of her best effort and time. May the Lord bless the work in the future as in the past.

Mrs. P. H. Bodkin,
Corresponding Secretary and Conference Organizer.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

We have not doubled our membership but have made a substantial gain, both in membership and finances—gaining three hundred and eighty-six new members and increasing in cash $1,140.20, and in cash supplies $52.30, making a total for this year in cash and cash supplies of $5,266.69. Our money has been disbursed to at least twenty different Homes and schools, and through the untiring efforts of our supply department many of the Homes and frontier ministers have been made glad and helped materially.

Many of our organizations are using the Study Course.

Through the efficient service of Miss Frances Russell of Browning

Home, who was with us during the month of August, Auxiliaries were formed at Ashley, Belleville, Beulah (Louisville Charge), Bridgeport, Zion (Bridgeport Charge), Galatia, Herrin, and Thompsonville; Queen Esther Circles at Anna and East St. Louis.

Our Manager of Deaconess Work, Mrs. Lawrence Smith, has organized Queen Esther Circles at Ashley and Opdyke.

The Bridgeport Auxiliaries have become so enthusiastic over their new undertaking that they have organized Queen Esther Circle, Senior Home Guards, Home Guards, and Mothers' Jewels.

Our Annual Convention, held in Mt. Vernon in connection with the Lay Conference, was composed of the largest delegation we have ever had. With all due respect to all the splendid speakers, it was our privilege to have Mrs. W. P. Thirkield with us, whom the Resolution Committee claimed made the "best and biggest speech delivered."

We now have all but one district in our Conference organized, Alton and Vandalia having been organized this year.

Miss Bell continues in her "work abundant" in East St. Louis, now starting on her ninth year.

On account of failing health Miss Bishop has given up the regular deaconess work and is this year working for Cunningham Orphanage. Miss Forester, of Cunningham Orphanage, ably represented the Woman's Home Missionary Society at the District Ministerial Conference.

We feel keenly the need of Settlement Work in different places in our Conference among the foreigners, and pray the time may soon come when we can give them the light they so much need.

MRS. D. P. MOORE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference held its first Annual Meeting in Camden, June 17th to 19th.

We had planned and prayed for great things, but the constant rains, lasting two weeks, hindered us greatly, but we do feel encouraged.

There are several active Auxiliaries, a few Circles, Guards, and Jewels.

It was impossible to take pledges, but we are working to that end.

Miss Bessie Garrison was with us and gave excellent service. Her several talks were the means of great good, gaining new members, and promises to do more for the cause. The ministers in and around Camden gave promises of future help and support.

The women who came went home with new zeal and inspiration for another year's work.

A most helpful letter was received and read from Mrs. Delia L. Williams; she will see good results from her timely hints.

This being our first meeting we can not report so much done, but mean to do more another year.

The few who met, planned and parted, feel asssured of our Heavenly Father's guidance.

The Woman's Home Missionary subscription list grows steadily. Much literature was distributed at the convention. We pray for continued guidance in doing this work for Christ.

MRS. M. F. B. COTTINGHAM, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTH KANSAS.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in this Conference grows so slowly that those not familiar with conditions may think it almost unworthy of notice, but we rejoice that we can report even so small a growth.

We have not measured up to our privilege of doubling the membership or raising our apportionment of the Building and Improvement Fund, although we can report an increase of one hundred members, that not from any new organizations, but growth in the old ones. We hope to raise our part of the building fund.

Our women are learning to pay their dues the first or second quarter, rather than near the close of the year. Mrs. Hilda Nasmyth took time to attend the Conference Anniversary and give an address that was an inspiration to all.

It was a great privilege to have Mrs. John Bush, of Kansas City, with us at our Annual Convention, and the success of the Convention was largely due to her helpfulness. With these exceptions we have had no outside workers in the Conference the past year, not that we did not need them, but for other reasons.

For the first time we report two Mothers' Jewels Bands and one Home Guards Society, with more to be organized in the near future. The call has come from several charges for literature and instructions for organizing. The treasury shows an increase of about three hundred dollars in advance of any previous year.

Miss Currier, a member of a Queen Esther Circle at Gerard, Kans., went to Boaz as a teacher of Domestic Science in the Rebecca McCleskey Home.

Fisk National Training School continues to grow in favor. We have at present five girls enrolled as students, three Seniors and two Juniors, so that we are not making all our gifts in money, but are giving of our best young womanhood to our beloved Society.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has a larger place in the hearts of pastors and people than ever before. All over the Conference there are men and women that are catching a vision of what it will mean to win "America for Christ," and are saying, "We want to help."

We are indeed grateful to God for this encouraging outlook and will endeavor to go up and possess the land for Him, and in His Name.

(Miss) Mary A. Smith, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHWEST KANSAS.

We are glad to report a year of progress for the Woman's Home Missionary Society of our Conference. Our membership has increased and the Treasurer reports larger receipts for the year than ever before.

Conventions were held in the six districts and were profitable to all who attended. Mrs. Cotton Mather spent the month of February with us, doing excellent work. Eight new Auxiliaries were organized.

The Young People's work is taking a prominent place, and a number of new Circles and Mothers' Jewels have been organized. They are assuming their full share of the financial obligations as well as doing active work in all departments. We were greatly favored at our Conference Anniversary by having Mrs. Hilda Nasmyth with us, who gave a very profitable and helpful address. The Annual Meeting of our Conference

Society was held in Wellington, Kans. This was the largest delegated body of the Society ever held. All were glad to hear the good news that the daughter of our beloved President, Mrs. Fannie Lynch, was much improved in health and would soon be able to return home. Mrs. Anna Onstott, of Lebanon, Kans., gave the evening address. Mrs. Onstott is an enthusiastic worker and secured three Junior life members while with us.

At Conference held in March the Bishop appointed Rev. E. A. Hoyt as principal of our Conference Training School, and later Mrs. Hoyt was elected by the Board as Superintendent of the school. Three young ladies graduated as deaconesses last year and are doing good work. Three more are in the school this fall and several more are expected a little later. We are looking forward to the most successful year of our organization doing all "for the love of Christ and in His Name."

(Mrs.) Nettie Tedrick, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TROY.

Nineteen hundred and ten finds Troy Conference still working. In some ways things have improved—in others we have gone back. We report a decrease in amount of cash supplies sent out, but our Secretary of Supplies says that, "While the quantity was less she is sure the quality was much better."

For years we have reported four District meetings. The ladies of the fifth district, which covers a large tract of mountainous country, thinking it impossible to get together, but this year Plattsburg District has held *a Convention,* and a well attended and very inspiring one it was, too. In all of our conventions a noticeable increase in the earnestness in our women was seen, and we are expecting great results.

Miss Mary Mahon spent the month of June with us, doing excellent work. Partly through her work and partly from other sources we have *four* new organizations, with a total of eighty members, among our young people; two new Auxiliaries were formed and two old ones were reorganized.

The work in our E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home and Open Door Mission has increased under the able management of our deaconess, Miss Mary E. Whitehead. We have now a Travelers' Aid at Albany Station, several deaconesses who are helping the pastors of different Churches, and a deaconess and assistant at our Settlement Work, where we have a day nursery, kitchengarden, and boys' clubs all in good working condition, also a good Sunday school. They are doing a great work.

Mrs. M. B. Hutton, *Corresponding Secretary.*

UPPER IOWA.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Report of Upper Iowa Conference shows an increase in membership and Circles. More money was raised than during any previous year. Besides meeting our Conference pledges we gave $100 to our new Boston Immigrant Home, $100 to the new Peck Home, and $100 to the new Kent Home; also $509 to the Building and Improvement Fund.

There are six districts in the Conference. A convention was held in

each in the month of June. The Conference meeting was held at the close of the district meetings.

Miss Nellie Snider attended all of them and gave the evening addresses. Between Conventions she visited Auxiliaries. No new ones were organized, but the ones visited were strengthened.

Mrs. F. E. Brush gave the address at our Anniversary meeting in September.

We face the future hopefully, knowing that the seed faithfully sown will yield an abundant harvest.

Mrs. W. C. Hayward, *Corresponding Secretary.*

UTAH MISSION.

This has been a good year for the work in Utah Mission, for we have held our own in the old Auxiliaries and have really organized one strong new one. Our faithful deaconesses have done good work among the children as well as "mothering" some of the Auxiliaries. We thank God for the splendid work the deaconesses and missionaries are doing, and thank you members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for making their work here possible. Utah needs our workers, for the crying need now in this Mormon land is a stronger, more virile Christianity. The young people are forsaking Mormonism and the way is open for Christianity. Especially is this true in Salt Lake City and Ogden, where many are seeking something better than they have, and our Churches must realize their opportunity and give it to them. So help us with prayers and material aid and some day we hope to repay it a hundred-fold.

Mrs. G. W. McCreery, *Corresponding Secretary.*

VERMONT.

Again the women of Vermont have shown their love for, and loyalty to, the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the work it represents by meeting all its pledges.

At our Annual Meeting the work was well presented by Mrs. Bass and Dr. E. O. Thayer. Dr. Wilder of the Washington Training School represented the Society at the Conference Anniversary. District meetings were held with interesting and instructive programs.

At an Executive Board meeting it was resolved to follow the plain leadings of a kind Providence and pledge our best efforts to support a work among the several thousand Italians in Barre; therefore, Mrs. Alice C. Curtis, a deaconess, who has charge of the work, presented its need at the three camp-meetings with good results.

Mrs. Roberts, one of the Field Secretaries, did faithful work on the district, which resulted in new Auxiliaries and an increased membership.

Miss Cartes Swartz, a deaconess, is now working in the other districts, and with her persuasive powers and charming personality is winning many hearts to our noble work.

Our aim is still onward and upward, with an ever increasing membership of those who will willingly serve and sacrifice for Him they love and in His Name.

Mrs. V. A. Irish, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WASHINGTON.

While we have not accomplished all that we had planned during the past year in a financial way, yet it is gratifying to know that God has blessed our work and workers along other lines.

Owing to financial distress in many localities our faithful women have been hindered in raising as much money as in the previous year. But we are not discouraged in this good work, our hearts are just as loyal and zeal as earnest as ever.

Membership has increased by six new Auxiliaries and five Queen Esther Circles.

Subscriptions to the *Woman's Home Mission* paper are gaining and we are endeavoring to double our membership.

Supply work has shown a marked growth and many burdens have been lightened and hearts gladdened from its results.

Dues this year were $346, Student Aid $160, Silver Offering $25.

The districts are now well organized throughout the Conference and regular meetings held for the inspiration of the workers.

We anticipate the time of our Annual Meeting, September 23d-25th, in Baltimore. The interest and growth of these gatherings become more manifest each year.

Truly the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father has blessed our efforts and we implore more of the spirit of the Master as we enter upon another year's work.

(Miss) Annie R. Johnson, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST NEBRASKA.

In presenting this Annual Report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the West Nebraska Conference it is with praise and thanksgiving to our Father for His wonderful love and care.

We have been gaining ground and the interest is greater and farther reaching than ever before. Our Annual Meeting was held in North Platte, September 22d, at the seat of our Annual Conference. The meeting was full of interest and the address given by Mrs. M. Libby Allen, of Des Moines, was full of enthusiasm and helpfulness. We were made sad by the absence of our beloved President, Mrs. Chamberlain, who was confined to her room at that time, and on October 1st God came and took her home. Her life was an inspiration to all of us, and may each one of us push forward to greater usefulness in this work, so it may be said of us, as it was of our President, "She hath done what she could." Now, as we start the new year, may we have a realization of the needs of men, so that our souls will cry out in agony of sympathy, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

Mrs. Bryant Howe, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST TEXAS.

West Texas Conference has met every pledge made at the Los Angeles meeting. We retained our Conference beneficiary for 1911. During the summer I visited the five districts and much love for the work was manifest.

I organized the new district "San Angelo." This district is in the far western part of our State and Conference; railroads being laid, give us an opportunity of reaching this new field. I put in some time on this district. We have four Auxiliaries with a membership of forty-eight. The women were easy to convince that they ought to be organized and begin work for the Master. My opinion is that this district will be the banner district of the West Texas Conference. The Eliza Dee Home is in need of more room. We raised more money this year than usual for the Annex. We see plainly we can not prosper without it. Will you please build the Annex?

Miss King, our Superintendent, is faithful; we all love her.

(Mrs.) E. Spriggs Ratliff, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST VIRGINIA.

The past year has been a good one in spite of the fact that the new Conference Secretary has had everything to learn of the workings of the Society, as well as the zeal for the work to acquire. But as knowledge has come the zeal has grown—thanks to our worthy President, Mrs. R. B. Nay.

Fourteen years ago there was but one Society in the Conference (at Sistersville) and it paid $10.50 to the General Fund. This last year twenty-seven Auxiliaries and 17 Young People's Societies have contributed $2.525.19 against $1,675 the year before.

In May a visit was made to most of the Auxiliaries in Oakland District, encouraging the workers to the best of my ability. The trip revealed the need of following up the Organizer in a few months with a good Field worker to instruct and encourage. We failed to get such a helper in the spring, but this fall Miss Corbin has been with us two or three weeks and is doing excellent work. A new Auxiliary was organized at Morgantown with twenty-five members, and one at New Martindale with fourteen members. She added new members almost everywhere she spoke.

The Annual Meeting in June at Clarksburg was helpful, with Dr. Frederick Wright to show us the need and progress of the work among the foreigners upon our shores. Also Miss Elizabeth Davis was with us with one of the girls from the McCrum Home, Uniontown, Pa. She surely illustrates the possibilities and the outcome in that work.

Lucy Webb Hayes said in one of her annual addresses: "Our conviction is that the hope for humanity is in America. Within our borders and within our reach are gathered representatives of all the races of mankind; if, by reason of our neglect of home work, the streams of un-Christian tendencies from abroad and the flood of indifference and vice in our own country shall overwhelm our cherished institutions, all missionary work, at home and abroad, will suffer alike by the common calamity."

On June 28th the Wheeling District meeting was held in Moundsville, with most of the Auxiliaries represented, and much help was obtained. The Oakland District meeting was held in connection with the anniversary at Mt. Lake Park, July 15th to 18th. New officers were elected, and the meeting was a blessing to all those permitted to attend. Dr. Doney, of the West Virginia Wesleyan College; Miss Davis, from the McCrum Home; Rev. Nicolo Distefano, our Italian minister, and others helped to make it a great occasion.

Our Board Meeting is held every three months. Mrs. C. E. Woodburn, of Moundsville, has been added to the Board as Secretary of Sys-

tematic Beneficence. Our Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Lang, has been in very poor health all year, yet through her wise aid several barrels and boxes, amounting to over $670 worth of supplies and clothing, have been sent to needy "Homes" and parsonages.

The Halloway Deaconess Home, which partly belongs to our Conference, is sad'y in need of repairs, and the Wheeling Churches almost alone have been carrying the burden of it, but the coming year the various Auxiliaries will help. And we as a State have pledged to support a scholarship of $100 in the McCrum Home.

Some of the Auxiliaries deserve special mention for Reading Circles and for the amount given to the work. Fourth Street, Wheeling, almost reached the $1,000 mark; Thompson, $413.45; Moundsville, $363.43, and some of the poorer Auxiliaries, like the widow of old, have given more than they all.

Oakland District supported a girl in the Training School at Washington last year, and are planning to do so this year. In fact, all who are truly awake to the need are responding nobly.

Our Superintendent of Young People's Work, Miss Elva Anderson, is diligently and wisely carrying forward that part of our great work. Some of the Circles are carrying a scholarship or half scholarship in some one of the schools. And so, in looking after the Homes and the children, and with the loyal support of the ministers, we are hopeful for the future. (Miss) Pearl Dorsey, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST WISCONSIN.

We are glad to report an increase in interest, membership, and money raised the past year. Five new Queen Esther Circles organized; one organized about one year ago now numbers fifty members.

We have had two of our workers with us during the year. Mrs. T. C. Warrington was present at two of our district meetings; also spoke at a Ministerial Meeting, after which she organized a Queen Esther Circle of sixteen members. She gave us good service and all were profited by hearing her present the work. Mrs. F. M. Brush spoke at our Annual Conference, and was with us at the Conference Board Meeting. She gave us new inspiration and a desire to do more and better work than ever before.

We are still working and planning for the Christianizing of the Indians in the northern part of our Conference.

Our pledges have all been met, and our subscriptions to *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions* have increased. We are praying for and expecting large things for Home Missions in West Wisconsin Conference this year. (Miss) Carrie Hazzard, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WILMINGTON.

The history of Wilmington Conference for the past year is encouraging. Some new organizations have been effected and inactive societies restored. Auxiliaries are interested in every department of work and are loyal to the General Fund.

There is a growing interest in Young People's Societies. Our Circles, Bands, and Guards have done excellent work. We could have a larger

number of these, but it is almost impossible to find women who will superintend them.

An effort has been made to secure a wider circulation of our valuable papers that come to us always with fresh and interesting matter. Many copies of the Annual Report, with thousands of pages of literature, have aided in giving our people information concerning the work of the Society. There have been two very interesting meetings during the year on Wilmington District. The mite-boxes as far as distributed are very popular and a source of revenue for the Society.

The Annual Meeting at Port Deposit was an occasion of much interest. Miss Kerstine Peterson, of Baltimore Deaconess Home, gave the evening address.

The Anniversary during the session of Conference at Salisbury was an hour long to be remembered by those whose thought had not been previously turned to Home Mission work. Mrs. W. P. Thirkield gave the address to a packed house, and scores of friends were made for the cause. We can report interest in the Reading Circle Course. Some Auxiliaries are using the text-books who have never before done so.

Supplies, Local Work, Systematic Beneficence, and Temperance are being looked after by their respective Secretaries.

Miss Emma E. Kelley, a graduate of Rust Hall, has spent four months in the Conference in the interest of Rust Hall and the Wilmington Deaconess Home with gratifying results.

Deaconess work is claiming our serious consideration at this time. Mrs. A. P. Sweet was made Superintendent of the Home in June. She has four other deaconesses associated with her, and great good is being done among the sick and needy ones in our city. The work this year has not been all we had hoped for. We trust we may do much better in the year that is before us.

(Mrs.) Emma L. Welden, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WISCONSIN.

The work of Wisconsin Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society has been encouraging in point of numbers gained and general increasing interest. Support for Student Aid and special work has never been so great.

In the real work of the year there was only about seven months of activity. The Auxiliaries, with fine programs, were growing closer in touch with what is vital to our progress in winning America for Christ. Our membership gain was about 125—largely through the itinerary of Mrs. H. L. Hill. Our treasury shows a larger total than in any previous year of its history, and we are happy that we are realizing more and more the importance of this blessed cause to lift up the lowly and neglected to lives of love and usefulness for love of Christ and in His name.

Mrs. John Taylor, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WYOMING.

The action of the Annual Conference, held last spring, in readjusting the districts by reducing six districts to four made it necessary for the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Conference to follow its ex-

ample. This readjustment has not been entirely completed, as only two of the four new districts have held meetings and elected officers, but the other two will complete their organization in November and will then be in working order.

At the Conference Anniversary in Centenary Church, Binghamton, N. Y., in April, Dr. A. E. Piper, of First Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., gave an excellent address.

At the Annual Conference meeting in Owego, N. Y., in November, Mrs. N. W. Bass, Field Secretary, spoke inspiring words, and reports show advance along all lines of work.

The pledges of last year have all been met and considerable money raised besides. The Building and Improvement Fund is being raised, and some Auxiliaries have doubled their membership. The printed Report, which is put into the hands of each Auxiliary member, is believed to be of benefit to the Conference.

Wyoming again takes up her share of the "White man's burden"—

"By open speech and simple,
An hundred times made plain,
To seek another's profit
And work another's gain."

Mrs. D. L. Rhone, *Corresponding Secretary.*

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

EDITOR "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

It is gratifying to know that year by year *Woman's Home Missions* is able to report an advance in subscriptions. This means much in our day of publishing enterprise, when it is difficult to hold one's own owing to competition on every hand, in addition to the falling off each year from changes and losses before actual advance can be counted.

Thanks for this good results are due our enterprising publisher, our officials everywhere who loyally support our paper and urge its claims, our Field Secretaries who are constant feeders of our subscription list, and last but by no means least, that splendid company of paper agents who so patiently and persistently carry this interest on their hearts.

That our paper has its special mission none can doubt who compares the amount and quality of work done by a reading Auxiliary and one which contents itself with a mere fraction of readers. While furnishing information, it furnishes inspiration, for only those who intelligently know can intelligently do, and it is safe to say that the instructed dollar is easily worth two careless dollars given at random and devoid of the spirit of understanding and the uplifting stimulus of prayer. The Conference, District, and Auxiliary officers, who pray and plan for the circulation of our literature, who not only urge that it be circulated, but suggest ways and means, thus keeping the Auxiliary aware that this is an important interest, are building upon a rock foundation and aiding our work in manifold directions.

Woman's Home Missions is of the Society, for the Society, and by the Society. Its pages are open, so far as space permits, to communications which promise help and increase to our beloved work. Since departments are many, it follows that lengthy articles must sometimes be condensed in order to afford a fair chance for all. The editor makes urgent request of Bureau and Field Secretaries, Conference officers, missionaries and deaconesses in Homes, and all our interested and informed workers that they will furnish brief, telling articles and items, and bear patiently with the editor if such articles and items do not see the light in the next number. Very frequently important notices and items of interest come to us just a few days too late to appear in the succeeding number, which of necessity causes a long wait, when a little study of times and seasons would have made this unnecessary.

In behalf of our always expanding fields of work we ask for *Woman's Home Missions* an always increasing number of readers, and to this end we urge upon the Society a careful and prayerful consideration of the plans of our publisher for the coming year.

(Miss) Martha Van Marter.

EDITOR "CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONS."

A little stream, which took its rise in the hills of Wayne, in this, my native State, flowed musically through a broad, green meadow near my childhood home. The bright waters made fresh and glad all they touched. The stones in its bed took on a polish pleasant to the eye. The fragrant herbs which reached down to the water's edge were nowhere else so odorous, and the starry daisies on its banks grew more radiant here than elsewhere. It was a life-giving stream and therefore a death-destroying one, for it bore away on its pure bosom all noxious things that came in its reach.

When we put into the hands of our children to-day a missionary publication adapted to their needs we are starting a clean current of life and interest which takes its rise in the hills of God and flows on its way bearing life-giving truths and ideals to young hearts. What better service can we render a child than to awaken in him the noble thought of usefulness to his fellow creatures? To this end there must be provided a knowledge of needs and helpful suggestions as to how to aid in meeting these needs. This is what our little paper aims to do and what it will do in increasing measure as it grows in the grace of numbers and influence.

Thus far *Children's Home Missions* has not reached an adequate list of subscribers. We ought to rise to the 50,000 mark for which our publisher pleads, and we should do it if our leaders in Conference, District, and Auxiliary organizations would unitedly determine that the obligation must be met. Exhortation is not what we need, but action, and the editor offers these few suggestions, asking your thoughtful consideration of them:

1. That a definite effort be made for the coming year in each Conference society to secure from every Auxiliary a club of at least ten copies for *Children's Home Missions.*

2. That District officers be urged to make a place on the program for the little paper at each District meeting, and to have its claims presented by some one who realizes its importance.

3. That the Conference society live up to the example set by the District and at its Annual Meeting give at least five minutes in the interest of the paper.

Should these suggestions be acted upon we should soon gain our 50,000. Shall we do it? (Miss) Martha Van Marter.

PUBLISHER "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

For year ending July 31, 1910.

Receipts.

Balance August 1, 1909		$914 47
Subscriptions	$12,058 59	
Advertisements	226 72	
		12,285 31
		$13,199 78

EXPENDITURES.

Printing and mailing	$8,042 90	
Railroad fare, Editor and Publisher to Annual Meeting	297 75	
Clerical help and other office expenses	734 08	
		$9,074 73
Treasurer Woman's Home Missionary Society		3,500 00
Balance on hand July 31, 1910		625 05
		$13,199 78

(MISS) MARY BELLE EVANS, *Publisher.*
EDGAR H. HOLBROOK, *Auditor.*

Number subscriptions, July, 1909	35,320
Number subscriptions, July, 1910	36,008

PUBLISHER "CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONS."

For year ending July 31, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, August 1, 1909	$33 93
Subscriptions	1,993 44
Booklet	5 00
	$2,032 37

EXPENDITURES.

Printing and Mailing	$1,813 64	
Clerical help and sundries	158 84	
		$1,972 48
Balance on hand July 31, 1910		59 89
		$2,032 37

(MISS) MARY BELLE EVANS, *Publisher.*
EDGAR H. HOLBROOK, *Auditor.*

Number of subscriptions, July, 1909	17,888
Number of subscriptions, July, 1910	19,252

HOME MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE.

There is joy in the heart of the Secretary over the increasing and marked interest, even though the desired goal of 10,000 members has not been reached.

The responsive class has grown greater and the non-responsive class less. But there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.

Dear Corresponding Secretaries, do you look after this department as you should? Won't you this year feel that it is a part of your work to create an interest in this fundamental part of this great organization? Knowledge is the basis of all missonary effort.

The first member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was the woman at the well in Samaria, where Christ, the Great Missionary,

gave instruction, and right there began the Laymen's Missionary Movement. She went into the city and told the story of the Christ. She had knowledge.

You recall that a certain man named Paul once upon a time said, "Help those women." The brethren have been a long time obeying the command, but now that they have started we hope for larger things.

More than once have we heard intelligent men say, "I had no idea that America was so in need of missionary effort." Men are too busy these days making a living to keep in touch with all movements, to be conversant with all the problems that confront us as a Nation. Our women should know and keep them posted. Many women excuse themselves on pleas of lack of time to read, but some of these same women read pages and pages of the daily papers or cheap story books. If one has only a few minutes for reading, why not choose the best? Why not devote mental ability to the service of the Master?

A Puritan tract, old and worn, was lent by a poor man to the father of Richard Baxter. Through the reading of the book Richard had a change of heart and became a great preacher. He wrote "The Saints' Everlasting Rest," which was the means of converting Doddridge, who wrote "The Rise and Progress," which in turn was the means of converting Legh Richmond, and he wrote "The Dairyman's Daughter," which has been translated into more than fifty languages and has led to the conversion of thousands.

How many of these converted ones may have written or spoken words that will turn others to Jesus, time alone will reveal.

The Philadelphia Conference still has the greatest number of readers, but as the banner goes to the Conference making the largest increase, they will have to resign it, and this beautiful banner goes to the Southwest Kansas Conference. To its faithful Corresponding Secretary we give this banner and say, "What's the matter with Kansas?" and answer, "She's all right."

Our dear Mrs. Willing said, "Let Christian thought be thoroughly cultured and completely consecrated to the divine service, and the time will not be far distant when the Church shall move forth, bright as the sun, fair as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners." Then will dawn the golden day of peace, when

"The last man shall stand God-conquered,
With his face to heaven upturned."

MRS. COTTON MATHER, *Secretary.*

GENERAL PUBLICATIONS.

"More, more!" is the cry from our eager workers. "Send us information concerning the work, give us leaflet material for keeping our members interested, pictures that will make our Homes seem real, programs for Auxiliary and public meetings, supplies for Queen Esthers, Home Guards, and Jewels."

In the effort to meet this demand we have issued during the year supplies as follows:

	New.	Reprints.
Leaflets on the General Work	174,000	148,500
Leaflets on Homes and Schools	76,000	36,000
Leaflets on Immigration	43,000	25,000

	New.	Reprints.
Leaflets on Mormonism	40,000	5,000
Children's Leaflets	8,000	8,000
Thank-offering leaflets	39,000	.....
Stories	13,000	10,000

To these must be added the valuable Handbook for the Young People's Department, written by Miss Barge; the *Daily* issued at the last Annual Meeting, two books of the fine Conquest Series of Text-books for the Home Guards, an edition of 38,000 calendars, besides pictures, catalogues, badges, mite-boxes, etc. Our Auxiliary membership should show decided increase, for more than 25,000 cards have been called for.

Naturally, because of the special study given to our Negro work from January to June, inclusive, a goodly share of our new leaflets have been on that topic. That increased interest in this most important field has resulted from this study "goes without saying."

The total number of leaflets, etc., sent out from the offices into actual circulation in the field is nearly 96,000 more than last year. To measure the work done by the department we must add to this the handling of more than 300,000 additional items in the shipments from New York to the branch offices, making a total of more than 200,000 over the number of pieces handled last year.

The Lesson Helps have gone into more than 1,600 Auxiliaries and Queen Esther Circles each month, and the Junior Study Course is steadily winning its way. The increased charge for leaflets has been promptly and willingly accepted and we have few "bad debts" to report. The assistance of the Literature Committee during the year has been invaluable. The Boston office, under the efficient charge of its new Secretary, Mrs. Annie O. Clark, is proving its value, while the San Francisco office, opened last fall, has shown itself essential to the great, whole-souled Pacific Coast. We have good reason to look for largely increased returns from it in the year to come.

There is but one recommendation to make. In whatever form said, it means, "Sow the field knee-deep" with our literature. The harvest will not fail.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Supplies Sent Out (from the Five Offices).

Leaflets	784,367
Booklets	7,290
Text-book ("From Darkness to Light")	5,956
Other Books	595
Maps, cards, pictures, music	95,809
Calendars	30,000
Thank-offering Envelopes	94,387
Mite-boxes	93,242
Badges	3,744
Dutch Dolls	6,765

Financial Report.

(From the Five Offices.)

Balance on hand July 1, 1909	$67 96	
Receipts of the year	7,290 77	
Total		$7,358 73

Disbursements—		
Postage and Express	$1,605 86	
Office supplies	355 24	
Miscellaneous	122 79	
Text-books, badges, postal cards, etc.	2,116 17	
Extra help (New York)	351 73	
		4,551 79
Balance		$2,806 94
Paid to Business Manager from Offices:		
New York	$1,416 11	
Boston	109 25	
Chicago	795 21	
Cincinnati	200 92	
San Francisco	149 65	
		2,671 14
		$135 80
Paid from Cincinnati to General Treasurer		76 32
Balance on hand in Offices		$59 48

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER.

Received from—		
Offices	$2,671 14	
Annual Meeting	96 92	
Daily	124 75	
Rebates	59 52	
Miscellaneous	33 23	
On hand July 1, 1909	50 06	
		$3,035 62
From General Treasurer		1,011 03
		$4,046 65
Disbursements—		
Printing	$2,489 97	
Annual Meeting and Dailies	316 28	
*Amount received from General Treasurer	1,011 03	
Balance on hand		$229 37

*Paid for office supplies, $12.75; stock, $417.29; printing, $580 99. Total cost of stock, $2,533.46; of printing (exclusive of work done at Cincinnati), $3,070 96.

September 22, 1910.

The above statement has been audited and found correct.

EDWARD L. KENT.

Inventory value of supplies on hand (in all the offices):	
Leaflets, etc.	$3,385 04
Furnishings (New York)	302 00
	$3,687 04

(MISS) ALICE M. GUERNSEY, *Editor and Business Manager.*

THE COUNCIL OF WOMEN FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Interdenominational action has been especially active in four Home Mission lines during the past year. Summer Conferences in the interests of this work have been successfully held at Winona Lake, Ind.; East Northfield, Mass.; Boulder, Colo., and Mount Hermon, Cal. Similar gatherings projected in other localities are seeking affiliation with the Council.

The interdenominational Day of Prayer was observed in February, with increased unity of action and spiritual power. Surely there can be no better fulfillment of the Master's wish—"That they all may be one"—than this concert of united prayer for the homeland.

The work in colleges through the Young Women's Christian Association (which has "right of way" in religious matters in most of our higher schools and colleges) has been placed on a better basis than ever before. In this respect, as in many others, the Council of Women for Home Missions can do what no single denominational society would be privileged to attempt.

The use of the interdenominational text-books is rapidly increasing, and we may, perhaps, feel a pardonable pride in the fact that our own Society is far and away in advance of others in the number ordered. During the six months beginning with January, 1911, we are to have most interesting study of mission work for Spanish Americans, including consideration of Cuba, Porto Rico, and Spanish Work on the mainland.

One bit of great good cheer must be told, although its actual doing lies within the limits of our current fiscal year. Through the efforts of one of our successful Field Secretaries, Mrs. H. L. Hill, the door of Chautauqua—*the* Chautauqua—has been thrown open for Home Mission Study, and the Council is preparing to take every advantage of the opportunity thus given.

Slowly and carefully, but surely, the Council of Women for Home Missions is proving its right to be as the strong right arm and steadfast helper of its constituent Boards and societies.

(Miss) Alice M. Guernsey,
Secretary of Methodist Episcopal Section.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

The larger appreciation of the importance of the work of our Society coming to the Church in general has brought during the past year an increasing number of candidates of superior education and special preparation.

Teachers well qualified have been placed in many of our schools, and a number are yet waiting to be placed.

There are still lacking applicants qualified for the place of matrons in our Homes, a position which requires not only training in Domestic Science, but the practical knowledge necessary to the care of a large household.

MRS. E. L. ALBRIGHT, *Chairman.*

ON TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING AT BUFFALO, N. Y.

Buffalo stands in its geographical position as the hub does to the wheel: with its many lines and interests converging toward this point. And it becomes the center of interest to the many thousands of women who are enrolled under the banner of our Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Last year's pligrimage has become a pleasant memory, and, we believe, has fulfilled much that was expected of it in the broader acquaintance, closer sympathy, and better understanding of each other and our country's need.

Explanation.—I regret that the notices sent through post cards and *Woman's Home Missions* were not more intelligible, but they were written in the railroad man's technique, and I will explain for future understanding: that by Trunk Line Association is meant those lines east of Buffalo and Pittsburg and west of New York.

The Central Passenger Association includes the territory west of Buffalo, north of the Ohio River and east of the Mississippi River. This association territory have a two-cent rate, and makes no special rates for any convention of less than one thousand.

MRS. O. P. MCCARTY, *Chairman.*

RESOLUTIONS.

At the close of another year of service we would acknowledge the debt we owe our Heavenly Father for the love bestowed and the blessings showered upon us. We would render thanks for His leading and the many manifestations of His approval.

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, believing the Divine Commission, "Go

ye," has been given us, have been privileged to work with the Master, and for Him among the poor and needy of the home land, and have the assurance of His continued guidance and the final reward of the faithful; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we pledge our loyal support to the Board of Managers of all their plans for strengthening and extending our work; that we double our efforts to increase our membership.

Resolved, That as the future of our Church and the continuation of Christian institutions of our Nation depend upon the religious training of the young people, we heartily commend the work started among the young women in the colleges and that special attention be given to securing the best women in the Auxiliaries for leaders in the Young People's societies.

Resolved, That for broadening our vision and increased knowledge of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, we seek the individual co-operation and support of its members to *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions;* also a general use of the text-book for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That God's plan for financing His work is the best plan ever devised; we urge that emphasis be placed upon the Department of Systematic Beneficence.

WHEREAS, American citizens are asking for more than eighty-eight thousand divorces this year, and as laws are potent educative factors of public opinion; be it therefore

Resolved, That we, as members of the National Woman's Home Missionary Convention, do heartily endorse the movement in various portions of our Commonwealth creating a sentiment in favor of a National divorce law, and that we give our hearts and hands to the work of helping to secure better laws for the home in every State.

Resolved, That we endorse the work of the temperance societies and pledge our co-operation with all religious and philanthropic organizations, whose work tends toward the extermination of the drink evil, and that place be given on all Auxiliary programs for the presentation of this important work.

Resolved, That we do all in our power to help in abolishing child labor and the extensive traffic in women and girls.

In order to facilitate the annual election of officers and to save time now devoted to instructions to this body; be it

Resolved, That hereafter at the Annual Meeting printed instructions be prepared and presented to the delegates on the morning of the day of election or on one day previous to the election.

Resolved, That we extend to the members of General Conference our heartiest thanks for the cordial invitation to visit this beautiful Queen City of the Lakes.

To the Entertainment Committee, who have so successfully provided for our comfort, and by so doing have proven their loyalty to this great organization.

To the Trustees of Richmond Avenue Church.

To the pastor, Dr. Allen, for his assistance.

To the pastors of the Churches in the city who offered their pulpits and opened their Churches to our representatives.

To Bishops Berry, Burt, and Smith, who by their addresses have given us a vision of holy things, a new conception of service, greater zeal, and earnest desire to hasten the coming of our King.

To Rev. Mr. Copeland for his new battle hymn dedicated to the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

To the organist and singers who have given us the inspiration of music and song.

To the press for all courtesies received.

To the pages who have so served us and facilitated our work.

To the janitor, the ushers, the postmistress and all who have contributed to make our stay in this city a pleasure.

To friends in Buffalo, whom we leave with regret and pray God's richest blessing upon you.

Mrs. Naomi Day, *Chairman of Committee.*
Mrs. F. T. Israel,
Mrs. S. S. Holmes.
Mrs. E. R. Heckman.
Mrs. Leo E. Parks.

ORGANIZATION.

(Mrs. M. E. Roberts, Field Secretary.)

My work in the past year has been done in the West Nebraska, Northwest Iowa, North Dakota, Maine, East Maine, and Vermont Conferences.

Officers, pastors, and people were very helpful in the work, and what has been accomplished is due largely to them, under God.

It has been a year of peace and liberty; and of hope for our *glorious* work.

Number of days spent in work, 241; number of miles traveled, 10,926; Churches visited, no Auxiliaries, 70; Churches visited, have Auxiliaries, 62; total, 132; Auxiliaries organized, 42; committees formed, 10; members secured 880; Queen Esthers organized, 12; Queen Esthers, members, 166; Home Guards organized, 2—members, 33; Jewels organized, 1—members, 12; total members secured, 1,091; subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions,* 200; subscribers to *Children's Home Missions,* 134; mite-boxes given out, 134; Jewel boxes given out, 400; collections taken, including two scholarships ($100), $460.19; made address at Conference, 2; made address at District Conference, 4; Conducted children's meetings at camps, 2; gave talks in Churches, parlors, Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, children's meetings, etc., more than 300.

I have been *earnestly* and *prayerfully* striving to do *God's* work.

"And whether crowned or crownless when I fall,
It matters not, so as God's work is done."

(Miss Nellie H. Snider, Field Secretary.)

Miles traveled, 16,910; Auxiliaries visited, 122; Churches with no Auxiliaries, 39; addresses, 269; Conference meetings, 6; district meetings, 19; Annual Conferences, 2; Epworth Leagues, 8; Sunday schools, 11; Sunday school classes, 3; public schools, 2; college chapels, 2; Thankofferings, 6; prayer-meetings, 2; Home Guards, 3; Queen Esther Circles, 9; revivals, 2; Indian mission, 1; Polish mission, 1; business college, 1; penitentiary, 1; high school, 1; National Training School, 1; hospital board meeting, 1; Day of Prayer, 1; mothers' meetings, 1; Young Women's Christian Association, 1; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 1; National meeting, 1; Junior Life Members, 3; new Auxiliaries, 12; Auxiliaries resurrected, 1; new Auxiliary members, 358; new Circles, 2; new Circle members, 69; new subscribers, 66; new members Home Guards, 14.

The work of the year was done in nine Conferences, Northwest

Kansas, Kansas, Central Illinois, Central New York, Iowa, Ohio, Upper Iowa, Wisconsin, Black Hills Mission. In the latter we have secured a Conference organization, from which we hope great things. Journeying mercies have been mine and I am grateful for every courtesy and kindness shown to me as I have journeyed to and fro on "the King's business."

(Mrs. M. Libby Allen, Field Secretary.)

In presenting my Annual Report I thank my Heavenly Father that I have been able to do a little work for Him during the past year.

Have worked a little less than five months. In that time I have addressed six Annual Conferences, spoken at twelve conventions, organized fourteen Auxiliaries, traveled nearly eight thousand miles. I have tried to faithfully present every department of our work.

Many of our pastors have not realized the appalling need of home missionary work.

To them I have made especial pleas. When they get the vision, they bid us welcome to their charges. And thus the spirit of home missions is growing. Doors of opportunity are opened everywhere, hearts are responding, and success for the work is an assured fact.

(Miss Mary A. Mahon, Field Secretary.)

The key word determining the work of a Field Secretary is the word *extension*. Conventions, institutes, Annual Conferences have afforded rare opportunities. But to me these are inadequate. My ambition has been to root permanently in the love and work of local Churches the ideals and plans of this organization.

To this end I have served in Central Ohio, Genesee, New Jersey, Rock River, Troy, and New England Southern Conferences. Five months were given to New York Conference, while brief excursions were made into three others.

I had special pleasure in presenting the work to the New York Indian Association, and attending two interdenominational rallies, one composed of women, the other of young people. Statistics must suggest the rest.

Miles traveled, 13,634; Conference Conventions, 2; District Conventions, 13; ministerial meetings, 1; Auxiliaries organized, 16; new Auxiliary members, 562; Queen Esther Circles organized, 8; new Circle members, 225; Subscriptions for *Woman's Home Missions*, 215; *Children's Home Missions*, 136; cash and pledges, $1,920.72; public addresses, 126; Workers' Conferences, 89; Sunday school addresses, 21; Epworth League addresses, 16; Conference and District Young People's rallies, 5; prayer meetings, 18; Jewel life membership, 5.

I have found leaflets, books, maps, and pictures invaluable. These have been left with old and new organizations.

In the Deaconess Home of this lovely city I learned to love the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Coming back after eight years spent in the field, the only compulsion I know is to "serve another day."

(Mrs. H. L. Hill, Field Secretary.)

The year just closing has been one of varied activities, and the journeyings have given me the opportunity of visiting many of our fields of work. It has been a constant pleasure to find our work in every section in such a flourishing condition, and the teachers and missionaries, without exception, filled with that fine enthusiasm which counts as naught all the hardships compared with the great joy of service. It was again

my privilege to represent our Society at the Student Conference of the Young Women's Christian Association held at Silver Bay, N. Y. Students were there from sixty-nine different schools and colleges, and I found them more keen than ever before to learn of the needs in our own land and of the efforts made to meet those needs.

The Eastern Conference of the Interdenominational Council of Women held at Northfield, Mass., July 14th-21st, was also an inpiration to me, bringing one in contact, as it does, with the active, earnest women of nine denominations. At Ocean Grove, N. J., and at Chautauqua, N. Y., I had the opportunity to give talks on our study book for the coming year.

One most interesting little incident in my experience during the year was the gift from a child of a little gold pin. She heard me tell of the work done among the children of the cotton mills at Cedartown, Ga., and she longed to give money, but had none, so gave her only choice treasure, a little gold pin. The story of the gift told at several conventions during six months brought to the general work of our Society $3,539. Thus does the dear Lord bless a gift made in His Name.

The statistical report of the year is as follows:

Number of miles traveled, 14,750; number of missionary rallies addressed, 5; number Epworth Leagues addressed, 22; number Sunday schools addressed, 20; number district meetings addressed, 16; number Conference meetings addressed, 2; number Ministerial Conferences addressed, 5; number Auxiliaries formed, 13; total number secured, 730; total subscribers for *Home Missions*, 212.

My work was within the boundaries of the Holston, Alabama, Georgia, St. Johns River, Wisconsin, Rock River, Pittsburg, Northern New York, East Ohio, and Erie Conferences.

(Mrs. N. W. Bass, Field Secretary.)

We come to the Annual Meeting this year with the words of the Psalmist upon our lips, "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness." The time of service represented in this report is about eight months. It has been rendered in three Conferences, Vermont, Wyoming, and Central New York. Quite a portion of the time I have been *a gleaner*, making my own itinerary, picking the golden kernels of wheat after the stronger workers had passed over the field. My time has been given more especially to doubling the membership in Auxiliaries already formed. The response has been very favorable, and several Auxiliaries and one district are rejoicing in the work accomplished. I have found more open doors than I had strength to enter. God has been gracious and empowering, for the results that have been achieved are from Him, to whom we ascribe most grateful thanksgiving and praise.

Number of miles traveled, 4,175; Conference Annual Meetings attended, 3; camp meeting, 1; district meetings (ministerial), 2; district meetings, (Woman's Home Missionary Society), 5; Epworth League Conventions, 1; public addresses made in churches, 90; parlor meetings, 40; Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues visited 50; subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, 110; *Children's Home Missions*, 35; Churches visited having no Auxiliaries, 19; Auxiliaries organized, 18; Queen Esther Circles organized, 5; Home Guards, 3; Auxiliary members secured, 1,030; Queen Esther Circle members secured, 100; Home Guard members secured, 83.

(Miss Josephine Corbin, Field Secretary.)

My work the past year has taken me into nine different Conferences in nine months. I have traveled 17,800 miles, have attended nineteen district home mission meetings, two Conference Annuals, two district

ministerial and one district Epworth League meetings. Have organized fourteen Auxiliaries and secured 767 Auxiliary members and one life member. Have organized thirteen Queen Esther Circles and secured 457 Queen Esther members; have secured twenty Jewel life and one Junior life members, making a total of 1,246 members; have spoken in Junior Leagues, Sunday schools, and Epworth Leagues many times.

My collections have amounted to $2,277. There have been many pleasant experiences and some trying ones. But it has been a good year and I am more glad than ever for the privilege of helping to enlarge the borders of our great Woman's Home Missionary Society.

(Mrs. May Cumisky Bliss, Reserve Field Secretary.)

California and Ohio have been my fields of labor during the past year. While spending the winter in Los Angeles I was enabled to do some work. A thank-offering meeting in Highland Park Church, which put into the treasury of the Auxiliary of that Church over one hundred dollars, a children's day address in the First Church in Long Beach, together with some parlor meetings, constituted my work in California. Five weeks were spent in the North Ohio Conference speaking and organizing. I attended and gave addresses in five district conventions, organized four Auxiliaries with a membership of 69, organized two Queen Esthers with thirty members, gave thirty-two public addresses, and, during the year, turned into the treasuries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society about three hundred dollars. While the offering I bring this year to the Annual Meeting is small. I am not discouraged, for the sweet and comforting words which my Master spoke so long ago to one who could give so little, has come down through the ages and reverberates in my heart, saying, "She hath done what she could."

(Mrs. Anna Onstott, Reserve Field Secretary.)

This has been a year of great opportunities for seeing the work of our Society, as it has been my privilege to visit many of "our homes and schools."

Have worked in five Conferences, secured 200 Auxiliary members, 250 Queen Esthers, and about 400 boys and girls as Home Guards and Jewels, 2 Junior life members, 90 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, and 175 to *Children's Home Missions*. Have secured pledges for Student Aid for $600.

As I am now in the "Sunflower State" I find many opportunities to help lay the foundation for the future work in this "land of promise" in the center of the United States. A little help here now from our Society will bring large returns, as Methodism is building for the future. One of our charges now paying $1,200 salary, only a few years ago was receiving help from the Missionary Society and supplies from our Society. This Church now has an Auxiliary of forty-five members and Queen Esther Circle of twenty members, and will raise at least $200 for Home Missions, besides helping all other benevolences in proportion.

Let us faithfully sow the seed and water it with the prayer of "faith and works," and in God's own good time "we shall reap if we faint not."

(Mrs. Carrie E. Cope, Reserve Field Secretary.)

I spent two weeks in California giving my stereopticon lecture on the general work of the Society eight times and made four addresses, secured fifty new members and fifteen subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*.

Gave two weeks in the Northern Minnesota Conference helping to organize Fergus Falls District; gave illustrated lecture three times and spoke without pictures four times; attended the St. Louis Conference Convention, giving pictures in the evening.

In June visited the five district conventions of the Ohio Conference.

September 22d made morning address for Huffman Memorial, organized an Auxiliary with fifteen members. September 28th made anniversary address for the Missouri Conference.

November 2d gave address for the Indiana Conference Convention held in Spencer, Ind., also gave two evenings in Indianapolis with pictures. My work has been mostly in helping out district and Conference Conventions with the illustrated lecture, which has been kindly received.

Am happy to have served even a little.

(Mrs. Cotton Mather, Reserve Field Secretary.)

Five and one-half months were spent in field work in the following Conferences: Oklahoma, Southwest Kansas, Illinois, Colorado, and Nebraska with gratifying results.

More than five hundred Auxiliary members and about two hundred young people have been secured.

Two Conference and eight district conventions were attended. Epworth Leagues, Sunday schools, Ladies' Aid Societies, Auxiliaries, and Circles were visited, and the seed sown wherever an opportunity presented itself.

The Corresponding Secretaries of the various Conferences report the new missionary babies as growing and waxing strong.

Looking over some of the fields and considering the way the Lord had prospered the people, we sometimes felt that more should have been given for this blessed work.

We were privileged to visit our Ponca Indian Mission at White Eagle, Okla.; Fisk Training School, Cunningham Orphanage, and Mothers' Jewels Home. Everywhere good work was being done.

Pastors and people have given glad welcome for the work's sake, and to them we record grateful appreciation.

"Duty and to-day are ours, results and futurity belong to God."

(Mrs. E. L. Weaver, Reserve Field Secretary.)

The past year has been a year full of blessings and hard work. Our work has been mostly in the Oregon Conference. I attended the Idaho Ministerial Conference, presented our work before a fine audience on a Sunday afternoon, and organized an Auxiliary at Joseph, Ore. (where the Conference was held). I worked two weeks in the Montana Conference with splendid results, visiting three Auxiliaries in the Conference and four new ones. I have traveled about 11,000 miles in the interest of the work. In the Great Western Empire travel is not as easy as it is in the Eastern States. I made several trips by ocean and stage, going 400 miles to get into a part of our State where good work was accomplished.

In Coos County I organized three good Auxiliaries and one Home Guards, securing one hundred members. In my nineteen years of experience in home missionary work I have never seen more enthusiasm than in Coos County, Oregon. One Auxiliary of fifty members, another of twenty-three, and one of eighteen were formed. They are all prospering and letters are received telling of their interest in the good cause.

I left Marshfield, Coos County, on Tuesday, July 5th, taking the boat

across Coos Bay, which took several hours. Tide had gone out before we reached Sumner, where the stage was to meet us, and our boat stuck in the mud of the bay. A hand-car brought me the rest of the journey to Sumner, where the United States mail stage was waiting. I was the only passenger on the drive of seventy-eight miles over the mountains. We changed horses four times and made the trip in fourteen hours. We were four hours ascending the mountains, twelve miles, and only fifteen minutes descending, about one-fourth of the distance. I have had a number of stage drives in this great Western country, and always find a most delightful people to serve.

One experience was three services in three days, two stage trips, changing cars several times, long waits and only two meals in seventy-two hours. The only place available for eating was a saloon, which did not appeal to me.

One of the most delightful occasions was a trip to Meadow Creek, Mont., where I met the dear women of the community for an afternoon meeting in the Church. They served a banquet at the close of the service, and every one seemed glad to have been there. Their mite-box opening resulted in $25, which went for a scholarship in one of our schools. They also have the largest Mothers' Jewels Band in the Conference. Anaconda, Stephensville, Missoula, Helena, Butte, and Billings were all deeply interested in the great work of the Society. Four Auxiliaries were organized with two Queen Esthers and two Jewel Bands and three Auxiliaries strengthened. An increase of 170 new members rejoiced my heart. I have made forty-five public addresses, thirty-three talks to Auxiliaries, attended ten Queen Esther meetings, six Epworth Leagues, four Sunday Schools, seven special meetings, seven conventions, thirteen Conference Board meetings, visited two Conferences, secured 637 Auxiliary members, ninety Queen Esthers, sixty-four Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, and thirty-two Jewel life members, making a total of eight hundred and twenty-one members with sixteen Auxiliaries organized; nine of which are in the Oregon Conference, one in the Idaho Conference, four in the Montana Conference, and one in East Ohio Conference. All our districts and also the Conferences, observed the Day of Prayer, and some of the Auxiliaries did so also. A number of public Thank-offerings were taken, and literature has been scattered broadcast wherever I have gone. Two hundred Annual Reports have been distributed, one hundred copies monthly of *Children's Home Missions* have been given in the Conference and many of *Woman's Home Mission* papers. Eighty-five subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* have been secured, and ten subscribers to *Children's Home Missions*. All our districts are organized and we trust well officered, and we believe we have a splendid corps of officers for the Conference. The work has gone forward along all lines. We desire to express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all our ministers, District Superintendents, officers and members who have aided us in so many ways to promote this great cause.

We also want to express our deep appreciation for the *many* kindnesses and untiring efforts of our much beloved National President, Mrs. George O. Robinson, in promoting the work in Oregon Conference. She has given much of her valuable time in planning and pushing the work. Miss Barge also gave five weeks in the Conference (see her report), and we can not say enough in praise of her splendid service.

Five hundred and fifty letters and two hundred and fifty postal cards have been written, and many telephone messages have been sent in the interest of the work. Ten societies of children and young people were

organized. A Queen Esther Circle, with thirty charter members, was organized August 10, 1909, which in ten months had raised over $102. Much more could be accomplished if only we could secure leaders for the Young People.

(Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, Reserve Field Secretary.)

In the interest of the Society I visited two of our Conference Societies in the South and one Annual Meeting. On my way South I stopped at Birmingham, Ala., and there organized a Queen Esther Circle of twenty-three members, and since then have sent them a box valued at fifteen dollars ($15).

The Conference Society of the Mississippi Conference was well attended. Miss Bessie Garrison was present and her splendid talk lent great enthusiasm to the meeting.

The Louisiana Conference Society was also largely attended. The women all seem to have the rebuilding of Peck Home on their hearts, which is quite encouraging.

We have been able to add to the forward movement two hundred and forty (240) members to the general Auxiliary, one hundred (100) Queen Esthers, and seventy-five (75) in the Home Guards and Mission Bands.

The month of August I spent in Chicago, and I think much good was done in working up enthusiasm and interest in the work in our Churches there.

To-day one thousand active Christian young men and women, trained and consecrated as missionaries, are needed in Central Africa to wipe out Mohammedanism, but the need of trained and consecrated workers in the home land is as great, if not greater. May the Lord help us to see our duty more plainly and fire us with a strong determination to prepare ourselves that we may be able to perform our duties in the greatest possible way!

(Miss Bessie M. Garrison, Special Field Secretary.)

My work during the fiscal year of 1909-1910 has been rich in experience and in the hopeful outlook of what may be accomplished in our twenty colored Conferences by the women of those Conferences.

The broadness of this work and its wonderful influence upon our entire National life have scarcely been realized by the majority, but slowly and persistently forces are being set in motion; the women are understanding their relation to this great movement.

The Atlanta, Savannah, Central Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi, Upper Mississippi, the Louisiana, and Lexington Conferences have given me my opportunity for service. I have attended this year four Annual Conferences, also four Woman's Home Missionary Conference Conventions; have visited three homes for girls supported by the Society, and have made 185 talks and addresses. I have traveled 7,050 miles and have secured 210 new Auxiliary members, 60 Queen Esther members, and 30 Home Guard and Jewel members, making a total of 300 members secured. I have secured 150 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions.*

The outlook is especially bright. This year two of the Conferences in which I have labored report fifty new members and all are determined to do their share in "doubling the membership." The fact that so many of our prepared women begin to take the burden upon their hearts is indeed occasion for rejoicing.

MITE-BOXES.

Number of Paper Mite-boxes sent out	62,511
Number of Mite-beehives sent out	3,578
Number of Mite-jugs sent out	150
Number of Mite-barrels	357
Total number	66,596
Amount of cash and postage received	$9 91

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for postage and postals	$4 95
Paid to Mrs. George H. Thopmon, Treasurer	4 96
Total	$9 91

AMOUNT OF MITE-BOX COLLECTIONS.

CONFERENCES.	COLLECTIONS.
New York	$663 90
New York East	712 46
Vermont	150 66
New Hampshire	40 09
New England Southern.	208 09
Maine (have not been able to secure report..	
New England	388 05
Baltimore	1,031 30
Wilmington	250 91
Newark	818 43
Northern California	333 86
Northwest Iowa	623 70
Erie	873 75
Troy	521 68
Genesee	623 78
Michigan	583 91
Minnesota	200 64
Wisconsin	66 52
Rock River	1,787 00
Detroit	1,797 81
Upper Iowa	391 75
Iowa	353 47
Southern California	1,047 08
Southwest Kansas	600 47
Nebraska	240 09
North Nebraska	188 23
West Nebraska	25 97
Northwest Indiana	789 34
Indiana	1,049 80
North Indiana	1,902 54
Cincinnati	1,721 63
Philadelphia	675 29
St. Louis	216 86
Des Moines	730 06
Kentucky	93 91
Lexington	26 84
Central New York	681 10
Northern New York	612 97
East Ohio	852 21
North Ohio	202 15
Central Ohio	760 74
Ohio	760 56
New Jersey	306 40
Illinois	648 82
Colorado	427 87
Central Pennsylvania	397 39
Northern Minnesota	235 00
Oregon	121 25
Wyoming	389 20
West Wisconsin	76 72
Little Rock (Adeline M. Smith Industrial Home)	113 00
Pittsburg	750 17
Total	$29,065 42
Oklahoma (no report)..	
Arizona Mission (no report)	
From the Children's Boxes	1,296 34
Total	$30,361 76

Increase over last year, $7,212.20.

SUMMARY.

The *Banner* Conference is North Indiana	$1,902 54
Detroit Conference is second	1,797 81
Rock River Conference is third	1,787 00
Cincinnati Conference is fourth	1,721 63
In the Cincinnati Conference one box contained	75 00
In the Baltimore Conference, Mrs. John T. Grape, had in 1 box.	50 00
In the Philadelphia Conference one box contained	26 00
In the Illinois Conference two boxes each contained	25 00
In the Cincinnati Conference two boxes each contained	25 00
In the Detroit Conference one box contained	20 00
In the St. Louis Conference the Fisk Training School box contained	109 00

Mrs. L. W. Leonard, *Secretary.*

DAY OF PRAYER.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society is an important division of the grand army battling for the establishment of Christ's Kingdom in America and the world.

Prayer is the great privilege, the strength, and the refuge of His people. God will reveal His will and power to those who keep their hearts open to Him. Through prayer we are brought into harmony with the mind of God, and obtain courage and strength to do His will.

The greatest question before any people is how to make good men and good women. To succeed in this the work should be begun in early childhood, in the home, in the school, and in society, which are largely under woman's control.

Our boasted democratic form of government is still on trial, and sin and ignorance, if allowed to grow and flourish, will destroy this Republic as certainly as it would a despotism, and the hopes of the world will be blasted. When Christian ideals prevail, and the Golden Rule is enthroned, when the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man is recognized in life and practice, then, and not till then, will a number of dangerous and perplexing problems be settled.

American women who devote their lives to fashion and folly to the neglect of higher duties render a very poor return for the splendid opportunities God has given them. Women as well as men should volunteer to serve their State in time of peace as well as in time of war, and with voice and pen and influence should stand for righteousness, which exalteth a nation, and against sin, which is a reproach to any people.

The poor man who fell among thieves must not only be cared for, but the road from Jericho to Jerusalem must be made safe that others may travel unharmed. Prevention is easier and better than cure or reform, and for this reason moral and religious instruction should be given in the public school, as very many children can't get it nowhere else.

This Day of Prayer is also a day of confession, and it is very proper to remember the sins so prevalent among us, especially the liquor traffic with its attendant horrors. Pray and work that the liquor traffic be speedily outlawed by the American Congress.

To American women much has been given, and much will be re-

quired, but it is a deplorable fact that many are much more concerned about following the vanities and fashions of the world than in following Christ and trying to stamp His ideals on society.

The Day of Prayer should be a day of power, and bring increased efficiency to every department of our work. The last Thursday in February is set apart for this service, and we hope every society and school will observe it, and be blessed in doing so.

(Mrs.) Mary C. Hickman, *Chairman of Committee.*

BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

The late A. J. Westergren has bequeathed to the Orphans' Home of York, Neb., one hundred and sixty acres of land in Township 12, York County, Nebraska, subject to the life estate of his wife.

By the will of Annette Day, late of Mechanicsburg, Pa., we are given one-half the residue of her estate, which consists of a small house and lot in Mechanicsburg.

By the will of M. J. Sackett, of Lowville, N. Y., our Society is to receive $500, which is to be made a permanent fund and the interest used annually and credited to Auxiliary of Lowville Church.

Mary J. Platt, late of Buffalo, N. Y., bequeathes to our Society $1,000 and an interest in the residue of her estate.

By the will of Mary A. Waklee, late of Wheaton, Ill., our Society receives $1,000.

By the will of Rev. William G. Browning, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., our Society is given $1,000.

Thomas B. Hines, late of Mt. Joy, Pa., bequeathes $250 "To the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

By will of Katherine Smith, late of Germantown, Pa., our Society receives $285.75.

By the will of Hattie Annis, late of York, Pa., the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church receives $4,222.84.

Amounts Paid on Bequests During the Year 1909-1910.

By the will of Miss Mary J. Robin, Cumberland, Ohio		$1,256 37
From the estate of Mrs. Eugenia Shumway, Polo, Ill		871 13
From the estate of Mrs. Sarah E. De Puy, Rochester, N. Y		60 00
By will of Mrs. Nettie Davis, Manchester, Iowa		50 00
By will of Katherine Smythe, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa		285 75
By will of Mrs. Sabina E. Parker, Jamestown, N. Y		50 00
From sale of La Grange lots, bequeathed by Jane S. Crandall, Rock River Conference		387 50
By the will of Rev. A. A. Knappen, Albion, Mich.		500 00
Balance from Whetstone estate—		
Boylan Settlement	$43 75	
Boylan Home	87 50	
Thayer Home	87 50	
Haven Home	86 72	
		305 47
From the estate of Alice J. Gibbs, East Ohio Conference		707 43
By will of Joseph Stevens, Oxford, Mass		500 00

By will of Mrs. Kate Crouse Loucks, New York Conference....	7,377 28
Legacy from A. M. Galloway, Bradford, Iowa.....	72 41
From estate of William Loton, New York Conference.....	380 00
From the estate of Hattie Annis, York, Pa.....	1,355 17
From estate of Mrs. Crandall, Rock River Conference.....	100 00
Bequest of Mrs. S. Bell Jolly, Sodus, N. Y.....	500 00
By will of Isabell L. Matson, Anamosa, Iowa.....	190 00
From the estate of Mrs. Martha A. Graham, Brooklyn, N. Y....	500 00
Total	$20,151 01

MRS. RICHARD DYMOND, *Chairman of Committee.*

INSURANCE.

Premiums paid from August 1, 1909, to July 31, 1910 (inclusive), on insurance and amounts of policies for which such premiums are paid:

	AMOUNTS.	PREMIUMS.
Athens, Tenn.—Ritter Industrial Home and Caroline C. Frazer Hall	$23,500 00	$553 50
Camden, S. C.—Browning Industrial Home...	7,800 00	164 00
Marshal, Tex.—King Home	12,000 00	360 00
West Holly Springs.—E. L. Rust Home.....	3,800 00	81 50
York County, Neb.—Mothers' Jewels Home...	17,045 00	332 40
Little Rock, Ark.—Adeline Smith Industrial Home	3,750 00	93 75
Savannah, Ga.—Haven Industrial Home.....	12,900 00	258 00
Whatcomb County, Washington	2,300 00	46 00
Clarkson, Miss.—Bennett Industrial Home....	9,000 00	290 00
Cincinnati, Ohio.—Glenn Home	8,500 00	44 50
Ponca, Okla.	400 00	12 00
Albuquerque, N. Mex.—Harwood Industrial Home	4,800 00	144 00
Atlanta, Ga.—Thayer Home	8,000 00	160 00
Unalaska, Alaska.—Jesse Lee Home	4,000 00	120 00
Provo, Utah.—East Ohio Home	100 00	2 50
Ocala, Fla.—Emerson Memorial Home.....	3,900 00	117 00
Morristown, Tenn.—New Jersey Home.....	1,500 00	45 00
Elsinore, Utah	150 00	3 75
Mount Pleasant, Utah.—Thompson Home....	100 00	2 50
Cincinnati, Ohio.—Office, Furniture, and Fixtures	1,300 00	29 58
Austin, Tex.—Eliza Dye Home	4,500 00	180 00
Spring City, Utah.—Leech Home	125 00	3 13
Moroni, Utah.—Gerlig Home	125 00	3 13
Misenheimer, N. C.	15,000 00	300 00
Total		$3,346 24

Respectfully submitted,
Cincinnati, Ohio, July 31, 1910.
Magly, Straehley & Co.

MRS. GEORGE H. THOMPSON, *Chairman of Committee.*

HOW SHALL WE PLAN FOR EXPENSES OF DELEGATES AT ANNUAL MEETINGS?

One year ago at Los Angeles I was appointed to this Committee as its Chairman. It has been a joy and pleasure to have you as our guests, and I do not wish to leave a memory with you that I am an ungracious hostess. Will you kindly forget for a time as I give my report that I am a Buffalonian, and consider this report of the Committee in the interest of the future and our friends at large.

We have grown so great and flourishing, thank God, that it is with hesitation any city asks for our coming. In past years many cordial invitations were extended to the meeting; to-day we wonder does any one want us. Not because they do not love us, but because we are such a costly joy. Your Committee has been considering this question for some time, and from the council chamber we present this plan, following in part plans adopted in many Annual Conferences.

We recommend that every Conference sending delegates to the meeting of the Board of Managers shall pay to the Committee on Arrangements of the entertaining city ten dollars ($10) for each Conference Secretary and each delegate. The money to be sent with the names of delegates sent to local Conferences. The expenses of General Officers, Trustees, Associate Managers, Bureau Secretaries, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Field Secretaries, Publishers and Editors of our papers, *Woman's Home Missions*, *Children's Home Missions*, and the *Convention Daily*, together with Committee on General Publication and the Chairmen of Standing Committees, as published in the Annual Report, and invited speakers on the program, shall be met by the city entertaining the convention, together with all other expenses of entertainment.

In support of this we would say that if all these officers were present it would make a body numbering about one hundred. We believe that the time has arrived when some plan must be adopted to meet this burden of expense, and respectfully submit this report.

Mrs. D. A. Minard,
Mrs. W. L. Boswell,
Mrs. E. L. Albright,
Mrs. Emma L. Weldin,
Mrs. Naomi Day,
Mrs. F. A. Holl,
Mrs. J. I. Reynolds,
Mrs. Wesley Stout,
Committee.

BY-LAWS.

The By-laws Committee recommends the following:

Page 392, of Twenty-eighth Annual Report.

Insert after Article 6:

For the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers printed instructions shall be prepared and presented to the delegates on the morning of the election or on one day previous to the election.

That Article 7, page 393 of Twenty-eighth Annual Report, which refers to appropriations, be transferred to appear under Finance, and to become Article 7.

We place as the action taken.

For Article 8.—Every Conference sending delegates to the meeting of the Board of Managers shall pay to the Committee on Arrangements of the entertaining city ten dollars ($10) for each Conference Secretary and each delegate. The money to be sent to the local committee with the names of the delegation. The expenses of the entertainment of the General Officers, Trustees, Associate Managers, Bureau Secretaries, Field Secretaries, Publishers and Editors of *Woman's Home Missions, Children's Home Missions,* and *Convention Daily*, two heads of department, Editor of General Publications, Secretary of Finance, missionaries, and deaconesses, together with Chairmen of Standing Committees, as published in the Annual Report, and invited speakers on the program, shall be met by the city entertaining the convention, together with all other expenses of entertainment.

Page 392 of Twenty-eighth Annual Report, under Bureaus, Article 4.—Where the work of the Bureau refers to white work, in its connection, the word *white* be inserted before the name of the Bureau, and where the work in the same States is colored the word colored be inserted. In this same section where it refers to white work the two Bureaus now named be inserted.

In the following Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, where the work refers to white and colored these words be inserted; also that we change Article 10—To define the Bureau of white work in Alabama, North Carolina, and Georgia.

Article 11 to define—Bureau of white work in Mississippi and Tennessee.

(We move that the numbering be changed to conform with these insertions.)

Page 393, Twenty-eighth Annual Report, Article a. This department shall be under the supervision of a General Superintendent. It shall consist of seven bureaus: the bureaus to be known as the Bureau for National Training Schools, the Eastern, Central, Western, Pacific Coast, Bureau for the supervision of colored deaconesses, and the Bureau for Hospitals.

Article b. Strike out Field Secretary and Committee and insert Bureau.

Page 394, Twenty-eighth Annual Report, Article d. Strike out Standing Committee and insert Bureau.

Article k. Strike out Chairman of Standing Committee and insert Bureau.

Page 395, Twenty-eighth Annual Report, Article a. Strike out Committee and make it Bureau.

Article b. Change Committee to Bureau.

Article c. Change Chairman of Committee and make it Secretary of the Bureau.

Articles e, j, k. Change Committee to Bureau.

Page 396, Twenty-eighth Annual Report. At the end of the paragraph, Article 7, change not later than September 10th to not later than July 15th.

Page 397, Twenty-eighth Annual Report. We move to strike out Article 8 and substitute:

8. The pledges for the work of this Society shall be sent by each Conference Corresponding Secretary to the Secretary of the Finance Committee one month before the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference shall be allowed to pledge a small amount over and above that already pledged by

her Conference Society to meet deficiencies between appropriations granted and pledges received, also to meet new pleas presented in the meeting of Finance Committee.

By-law 16, page 401, Twenty-eighth Annual Report. Strike out ten cents and insert *twenty cents.*

Page 402, Article 4, last clause. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the District Association.

Insert after—These officers shall be nominated (comma), and elected by ballot. Referred back to By-laws.

Page 402, Twenty-eighth Annual Report, Article IV. We recommend that the last clause of Article IV under Constitution for Districts shall read: These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the District.

The next clause shall read: These officers after having been nominated shall be elected by ballot.

These were adopted as read and referred to Recording Secretary to take the usual course.

A Special Committee, consisting of Mrs. Lillie Leonard Slack, Mrs. D. M. Baily, and Mrs. Hedley R. Woodward, representing the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, submitted the following amendments to the Constitution, which were referred to the Committee on By-Laws:

WHEREAS, There is a conviction on the part of a number of our Conference Corresponding Secretaries that the work of our Conference Societies would be greatly benefited by the admission of Presidents, Corresponding Secretaries, and Treasurers of Auxiliaries to membership in the Conference Executive Board; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Committee on By-Laws with the request that the necessary change be made in the Constitution, Article IV, Section 2, so that the above-named officers of Auxiliaries, viz., President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be included, allowing the matter to be optional with the Conference Societies as to whether they will use the privilege, and that seven constitute a quorum, a majority of whom shall be Conference officers.

Referred to the Recording Secretary to take the usual course.

On behalf of the Committee.

MRS. J. C. ROSSMAN, *Secretary, Northern New York.*
MRS. JONES, Rock River.
MRS. I. T. MUND, North Ohio.
MRS. WILSON, Northwest Indiana.
MRS. C. W. BICKLEY.

EDITOR OF THE ANNUAL REPORT.

Fifteen thousand copies of the Twenty-eighth Annual Report were ordered published, five hundred more than the usual number. Of these there are about two hundred left in the Cincinnati office.

As the membership doubles there should be a demand for a greater number of this medium of general information concerning the nature and scope of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

I recommend that fifteen thousand of the Twenty-ninth Annual Report be ordered published. (MISS) FRANCES A. FISH.

APPROPRIATIONS

OF THE

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

For the Year Ending July 31, 1911.

Southern Work.

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
HAVEN HOME AND SCHOOL, SAVANNAH, GA.			
Salaries ($2,000)	$1,780 00	$220 00	
Repairs	100 00	800 00	
Fire escape		300 00	
Student Aid		800 00	
	$1,880 00	$2,120 00	
			$4,000 00
SPEEDWELL, GA.			
Salaries ($480)	$450 00	$30 00	
Current expenses		200 00	
Student Aid		180 00	
Securing Title	40		
	$490 00	$410 00	
			900 00
THAYER HOME, ATLANTA, GA.			
Salaries ($1,850)	$1,550 00	$300 00	
Repairs and plumbing		500 00	
Electricity		250 00	
Kindergarten	300 00		
City missions		200 00	
Student Aid		875 00	
	$1,850 00	$2,125 00	
			3,975 00
BOYLAN HOME AND SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.			
Salaries ($2,880)	$2,520 00	$360 00	
Current expenses and furnishings		1,500 00	
Student Aid		600 00	
	$2,520 00	$2,460 00	
			4,980 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
BREWSTER HOSPITAL, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.			
Salaries ($720)	$660 00	$60 00	
Current expenses		100 00	
Rent		600 00	
Student Aid		200 00	
	$660 00	$960 00	
			$1,620 00
EMERSON HOME AND SCHOOL, OCALA, FLA.			
Salaries ($1,160)	$860 00	$300 00	
Current expenses and repairs		275 00	
Student Aid		300 00	
	$860 00	$875 00	
			1,735 00
ALLEN HOME AND SCHOOL, ASHEVILLE, N. C.			
Salaries ($1,880)	$1,740 00	$140 00	
Fuel, light, and water	300 00	300 00	
Current expenses and repairs	300 00	200 00	
Sanitation	450 00		
Fire escape	150 00		
Seating chapel		200 00	
Paving street	150 00		
Student Aid		600 00	
Building		1,000 00	
	$3,090 00	$2,440 00	
			5,530 00
BROWNING HOME AND SCHOOL, CAMDEN, S. C.			
Salaries ($2,160)	$1,960 00	$200 00	
Current expenses		500 00	
Repairs and improvements	700 00		
Plantation work		60 00	
Horse and carriage		300 00	
Student Aid		700 00	
	$2,660 00	$1,760 00	
			4,420 00
KENT HOME, GREENSBORO, N. C.			
Salaries ($600)	$600 00		
Current expenses	160 00	$40 00	
Student Aid		500 00	
	$760 00	$540 00	
			1,300 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE HOME, MORRISTOWN, TENN.			
Salaries ($600)	$600 00		
Current Expenses	200 00		
Student Aid		$450 00	
	$800 00	$450 00	
			$1,250 00
ELIZABETH RITTER HOME, ATHENS, TENN.			
Salaries ($845)	$625 00	$220 00	
Current expenses	80 00	170 00	
Improvements		1,500 00	
Student Aid		1,400 00	
	$705 00	$3,290 00	
			3,995 00
E. L. RUST HOME, HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.			
Salaries ($910)	$750 00	$160 00	
Current expenses		590 00	
Repairs	300 00		
Student Aid		500 00	
	$1,050 00	$1,250 00	
			2,300 00
BENNETT HOME, CLARKSON, MISS.			
Salaries ($720)	$675 00	$45 00	
Current expenses		500 00	
Improvements	300 00	200 00	
Student Aid		375 00	
	$975 00	$1,120 00	
			2,095 00
BENNETT ACADEMY, CLARKSON, MISS.			
Salaries ($2,115)	$1,600 00	$515 00	
Current expenses		200 00	
	$1,600 00	$715 00	
			2,315 00
DICKSON HALL, CLARKSON, MISS.			
Salary	$315 00		
Current expenses		$200 00	
	$315 00	$200 00	
			515 00
ADELINE SMITH HOME, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.			
Salary ($840)	$640 00	$200 00	
Current expenses and repairs	25 00	575 00	
Fire escape		300 00	
Student Aid		800 00	
	$665 00	$1,875 00	
			2,540 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
MISSION WORK, NEW ORLEANS, LA.			
Salary ($420)	$360 00	$60 00	
Salary—Italian work		380 00	
	$360 00	$440 00	
			$800 00
PECK SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE, NEW ORLEANS, LA.			
Salaries ($640)	$640 00		
Current expenses	290 00	$30 00	
Student Aid		50 00	
	$930 00	$80 00	
			1,010 00
KING HOME, MARSHALL, TEXAS.			
Salaries ($1,280)	$1,210 00	$70 00	
Current expenses		400 00	
Domestic science		400 00	
Student Aid		600 00	
	$1,210 00	$1,470 00	
			2,680 00
ELIZA DEE HOME, AUSTIN, TEXAS.			
Salaries ($640)	$640 00		
Current expenses and improvements		$250 00	
Student Aid		250 00	
	$640 00	$500 00	
			1,140 00
REBECCA MCCLESKY HOME, BOAZ, ALA.			
Salaries ($1,250)	$600 00	$650 00	
Current expenses	350 00		
Furnishing		500 00	
Student Aid		2,000 00	
Settlement work, Sayre, Ala., and Cedartown, Ga.	320 00		
	$1,270 00	$3,150 00	
			4,420 00
EBENEZER C. MITCHELL HOME AND SCHOOL, MEISENHEIMER, N. C.			
Salaries ($960)	$400 00	$560 00	
Fuel and Light	100 00	50 00	
Repairs and Furnishings		500 00	
Student Aid		1,200 00	
	$500 00	$2,310 00	
			2,810 00
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, NORTH CAROLINA.			
Salaries ($500)	$350 00	$150 00	
	$350 00	$150 00	
			500 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
CEDARTOWN, GA.			
Salaries ($120)	$60 00	$60 00	
			$120 00
Highland work, Holston Conf., Tenn	$300 00		300 00
Total for Southern work	$26,500 00	$30,750 00	$57,240 00

Utah.

ELSINORE	$790 00	$50 00	
LOGAN	360 00		
MORONI	720 00	120 00	
MT. PLEASANT	360 00		
OGDEN	250 00		
PROVO	360 00		
SPRING CITY	720 00	120 00	
EPHRAIM	240 00	120 00	
SALT LAKE			
Salaries	600 00		
House expenses	600 00	225 00	
School supplies		150 00	
Incidentals		150 00	
	$5,000 00	$935 00	
			$5,935 00

Spanish Work.

HARWOOD HOME, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.			
Salaries ($1,980)	$1,520 00	$460 00	
Improvements, plumbing and furnishing		1,100 00	
Current expenses	150 00	50 00	
Student. Aid		1,800 00	
	$1,670 00	$3,410 00	
			5,080 00
TUCSON, ARIZONA.			
Salaries ($1,440)	$840 00	$600 00	
Current expenses	300 00	700 00	
Student Aid		1,500 00	
	$1,140 00	$2,800 00	
			3,940 00
PORTO RICO, GEO. O. ROBINSON ORPHANAGE, SAN TURCE.			
Salary ($1,740)	$1,740 00		
Current expenses	400 00	$3,350 00	
Farmer	300 00		
Student Aid		3,000 00	
	$2,440 00	$3,350 00	
			5,790 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
McKinley Day School, San Juan, Porto Rico.			
Salaries ($1,200)	$1,200 00		
Current expenses		$250 00	
Student Aid		950 00	
	$1,200 00	$1,200 00	
			$2,400 00
Ponce, P. R.			
Salaries ($750)	$500 00	$250 00	
Student Aid		500 00	
	$500 00	$750 00	
			1,250 00
Training School, Vieques, P. R.			
Salaries ($700)	$500 00	$200 00	
Student Aid		500 00	
	$500 00	$700 00	
			1,200 00
Puerta de Tiera Day School, P. R.			
Current expenses		$150 00	
Student Aid		150 00	
		$300 00	300 00
Frances DePauw Industrial Home, Los Angeles, Cal.			
Salaries ($1,920)	$1,480 00	$440 00	
Current expenses	180 00	280 00	
Improvements and furnishings		600 00	
Student Aid		3,000 00	
	$1,660 00	$4,320 00	
			5,980 00
Total for Spanish work	$9,110 00	$10,680 00	$25,790 00

Indian and Mexican Work.

Navajoes, Farmington, N. M.			
Salaries ($1,970)	$1,350 00	$1,050 00	
Current expenses	150 00	350 00	
Special		500 00	
Student Aid		2,000 00	
Furnace		1,500 00	
	$1,500 00	$5,400 00	
			$6,900 00
Ponca, Oklahoma.			
Salary	$480 00		
Incidentals		$125 00	
	$480 00	$125 00	605 00
Pottawatomies, Kansas.			
Salaries ($750)	$550 00	$200 00	
Current expenses		125 00	
	$550 00	$325 00	875 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
STICKNEY HOME, LYNDEN, WASH.			
Salaries ($825)	$700 00	$125 00	
Current expenses		200 00	
Student Aid		500 00	
	$700 00	$825 00	
			$1,525 00
YUMAS, CALIFORNIA.			
Salaries ($1,000)	$500 00	$500 00	
	$500 00	$500 00	1,000 00
GREENVILLE, CALIFORNIA.			
Salaries ($700)	$200 00	$400 00	
Current expenses	100 00		
	$300 00	$400 00	700 00
Total for Indian and Mexican work	$4,030 00	$7,575 00	$11,605 00
Alaska.			
JESSE LEE HOME, UNALASKA.			
Salaries ($2,080)	$1,580 00	$500 00	
Current expenses	300 00	150 00	
Repairs		300 00	
Hospital		200 00	
Student Aid		2,000 00	
	$1,880 00	$3,150 00	
			$11,605 00
SINUK, ALASKA.			
Salaries ($1,240)	$1,000 00	$240 00	
Current expenses	200 00	500 00	
Improvements and incidentals		500 00	
Boat		1,200 00	
Student Aid		1,000 00	
	$1,200 00	$3,440 00	4,640 00
Total for Alaska	$3,080 00	$6,590 00	$9,670 00
Immigrant Work.			
NEW YORK CITY.			
Salaries ($960)	$864 00	$96 00	
Current expenses		750 00	
Domestic		230 00	
Rent	2,500 00		
	$3,364 00	$1,076 00	
			$4,440 00
EAST BOSTON.			
Salaries ($1,236)	$1,236 00		
Current expenses	364 00	$270 00	
Rent	400 00		
Building	1,700 00		
	$3,700 00	$270 00	3,970 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
PHILADELPHIA	$180 00	$120 00	
	$180 00	$120 00	300 00
Total for Immigrant work	$7,244 00	$1,466 00	$8,710 00

Chinese Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.			
Salary and current expenses ($2,600)	$2,400 00	$200 00	
Kindergarten		600 00	
Student Aid		2,000 00	
	$2,400 00	$2,800 00	$5,200 00
LOS ANGELES	300 00		300 00
Total for Chinese work	$2,700 00	$2,800 00	$5,500 00

Japanese and Korean Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.			
Salary and current expenses	$1,600 00	$800 00	
Incidentals	300 00		
Student Aid		2,500 00	
	$1,900 00	$3,300 00	
			$5,200 00
LOS ANGELES, CAL.			
Salary and Current expenses		$600 000	600 00
HONOLULU, HAWAII.			
Salaries and current expenses	$1,270 00	$530 00	
Student Aid		1,800 00	
	$1,270 00	$2,330 00	3,600 00
Total for Japanese and Korean work	$3,170 00	$6,230 00	$9,400 00

Children's Homes.

MOTHERS' JEWELS HOME, YORK, NEB.			
Salaries ($2,816)	$2,516 00	$300 00	
Current expenses and repairs	1,000 00	1,500 00	
Student Aid		3,500 00	
	$3,516 00	$5,300 00	
			$8,816 00
WATTS DE PEYSTER HOME AND SCHOOL, TIVOLI, N. Y.			
Salaries ($2,000)	$2,000 00		
Farmer	750 00		
Current expenses and fuel	700 00	$1,800 00	
Building and furnishing		1,000 00	
Student Aid		2,200 00	
	$3,450 00	$5,000 00	
			8,450 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
ELIZABETH A. BRADLEY HOME, HULTON, PA; P. O., OAKMONT, PA.			
Salary and current expenses	$2,000 00	$5,500 00	
	$2,000 00	$5,500 00	
			$7,500 00
CUNNINGHAM ORPHANAGE, URBANA, ILL.			
Salary and current expenses	$500 00	$900 00	
Student Aid		2,000 00	
	$500 00	$2,900 00	3,400 00
Total for Children's Homes	$9,466 00	$18,700 00	$28,166 00

Training Schools for Missionaries and Deaconesses.

LUCY WEBB HAYES TRAINING SCHOOL, WASHINGTON, D. C.			
Salaries ($4,240)	$3,740 00	$500 00	
Current expenses	8,260 00	2,500 00	
Student Aid		5,000 00	
	$12,000 00	$8,000 00	
			$20,000 00
FISK HALL, KANSAS CITY TRAINING SCHOOL, KANSAS CITY, KAN.			
Salary and current expenses	$3,500 00	$2,000 00	
Rent	1,000 00		
Student Aid		2,000 00	
	$4,500 00	$4,000 00	
			8,500 00
BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.			
Salary	$2,000 00		
Current expenses	1,600 00	$2,400 00	
Student Aid		1,500 00	
	$3,600 00	$3,900 00	
			7,500 00
MCCRUM SLAVONIC TRAINING SCHOOL, UNIONTOWN, PA.			
Salaries ($600)		$600 00	
Current expenses		550 00	
School supplies		100 00	
Student Aid		750 00	
		$2,000 00	
			2,000 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
Colored Training School		$1,000 00	1,000 00
For Special Hospital Training	$500 00		500 00
Total for Training Schools	$20,600 00	$18,900 00	$39,500 00

Deaconess Work.

Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School, Grand Rapids, Mich	$6,500 00	
Baltimore, Md.	8,000 00	
Bidwell Home and Iowa Training School, Des Moines, Ia	4,240 00	
Brooklyn, N. Y.	6,000 00	
Burge Hospital, Springfield, Mo	5,000 00	
Central Pennsylvania Deaconess Work	1,200 00	
Cleveland, O.	7,000 00	
Colorado Conference Deaconess Home	3,000 00	
Colorado Springs Sanitarium	10,000 00	
Detroit, Mich	5,500 00	
Toledo, O.	1,200 00	
Genesee Conference Home, Buffalo, N. Y.	8,000 00	
Griffin Deaconess Home, Albany, N. Y.	3,000 00	
Holloway Home, Bridgeport, O.	2,500 00	
Keokuk Hospital, Keokuk, Ia	5,000 00	
Martinsburg, West Va.	3,000 00	
Newark Deaconess Home, Newark, N. J.	9,000 00	
New Haven Deaconess Home, Conn.	3,500 00	
Jersey City Deaconess Home, N. J.	4,000 00	
Ohio Conference Deaconess Home, Columbus, Ohio	5,000 00	
Philadelphia, Pa.	10,000 00	
Pittsburg, Pa.	4,500 00	
Portland, Maine	2,500 00	
Shesler Deaconess Home, Sioux City, Ia.	3,000 00	
Southern California, Los Angeles	3,500 00	
Southern Kansas Conference	400 00	
Southwest Kansas, Wichita	1,500 00	
St. Paul, Minn.	3,000 00	
Washington, D. C.	6,000 00	
Hospital, South Dakota	5,000 00	
Indianapolis, Indiana	10,000 00	
Indianapolis Station	550 00	
Erie Station, Pa.	365 00	
Lexington, Ky.	225 00	
Moundsville, West Va.	235 00	
New Castle, Pa.	165 00	
Total for Deaconess work	$151,680 00	$151,680 00

Rest Homes.

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
Caroline Rest Cottage, Round Lake, N. Y.		$200 00	
Huntington		500 00	
Elvira Olney, Ludington, Mich		300 00	
Wing Rest, Huntington Park, Cal.		300 00	
Thompson Rest, Mt. Lake Park, Md.		900 00	
Bancroft Rest, Ocean Grove, N. J	$480 00	1,200 00	
	$480 00	$3,400 00	
			$3,880 00

City Missions.

Elizabeth E. Marcy Home, Chicago, Ill			
Salaries	$3,000 00		
Current expenses and repairs		$1,100 00	
Fuel and light		550 00	
Day nursery		175 00	
Dispensary		255 00	
Jewish work		300 00	
	$3,000 00	$2,380 00	
			5,380 00
Ada Street Mission, Chicago, Ill		$840 00	
South Chicago, Chicago, Ill		420 00	
Spring Valley, Chicago, Ill		500 00	
Italian Work, Chicago, Ill		720 00	
Joliet		420 00	
Lincoln Street		300 00	
Chicago Heights		420 00	
		$3,620 00	
			3,620 00
Italian Work.			
Astoria, L. I		$100 00	
Central Pennsylvania		670 00	
Kingston, Pa		50 00	
Portland, Me		100 00	
Providence, R. I		200 00	
Rochester, N. Y		500 00	
Syracuse, N. Y		200 00	
Utica, N. Y	$500 00		
New Haven, Conn		150 00	
Youngstown, O		100 00	
	$500 00	$2,070 00	
			2,570 00
Glenn Home, Cincinnati, Ohio			
Salary and current expenses	$600 00	$3,000 00	3,600 00
Hull Street Settlement and Medical Mission, Boston, Mass	$1,000 00	$3,750 00	4,750 00
Total for City Missions	$5,100 00	$14,820 00	$19,920 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
SWEDISH WORK.			
Central Swedish Conference	$300 00	$500 00	
Brooklyn, N. Y		150 00	
	$300 00	$650 00	
			$950 00
FINNISH WORK—California Conf		$100 00	
INDIAN WORK—Wisconsin Conf		150 00	
BOHEMIAN WORK—N. W. Kansas Conference		200 00	
Total		$450 00	
			450 00
Conference Work.			
Dallas, Texas		$100 00	
Central New York		650 00	
Central Pennsylvania, Anthracite Mission		500 00	
East Ohio (Cleveland Fresh Air Fund)		150 00	
Erie Conference		100 00	
Indiana		5,000 00	
Michigan		400 00	
New England Southern, Italian		100 00	
New York East		100 00	
North Indiana		1,000 00	
Northern Minnesota		450 00	
Northwest Indiana		1,000 00	
Oklahoma		350 00	
Pittsburg		1,000 00	
Puget Sound, Immigrant Work		1,000 00	
Upper Iowa		500 00	
Vermont		350 00	
West Wisconsin		400 00	
Total for Conference Work		$13,150 00	
			13,150 00
Missionaries' travel to and from fields	$3,500 00		
Printing	3,500 00		
Field workers	5,500 00		
Editor and Publisher	2,750 00		
Secretaries	4,000 00		
Board of Managers' Meeting	2,000 00		
	$21,250 00		
			21,250 00
INTEREST, INSURANCE, AND TAXES.			
Interest on Annuities, Endowments and Notes	$8,000 00		
Insurance & Taxes	1,500 00		
	$9,500 00		
			9,500 00

	Unconditional.	Conditional.	Total.
ADMINISTRATION.			
Attorney fees	$600 00		
Office expenses	5,650 00		
Incidentals	2,500 00		
	$8,750 00		$8,750 00
Total General Expenses	$39,500 00		39,500 00
GRAND TOTALS	$136,280 00	$274,426 00	$410,706 00

Additional Approved Appropriations for Buildings.

	Conditional.	Total.
Haven Home Laundry	$800 00	
Thayer, Atlanta, Ga., Domestic Science Building	30,000 00	
Boylan Home, Jacksonville, Fla., building and furnishing	31,200 00	
Brewster Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla	1,000 00	
School building, Asheville, N. C	1,000 00	
Kent Home, Greensboro, N. C., building and furnishing	9,000 00	
Rebecca McCleskey Home, Boaz, Ala	4,000 00	
Ebenezer Mitchell Home and School	7,000 00	
Tucson, Ariz., Industrial Home and School	9,000 00	
Ponce, Porto Rico, Fisk Day School	10,000 00	
Farmington, New Mexico, building and furnishing	4,500 00	
East Boston Immigrant Home	20,000 00	
San Francisco Chinese Home	12,000 00	
San Francisco Japanese Home	2,000 00	
Utica, N. Y., Italian Mission	10,000 00	
Peck School of Domestic Science, New Orleans, La.	25,000 00	
Mothers' Jewels Home, York, Nebraska	10,000 00	
El Paso, Texas	5,000 00	
Indianapolis Hospital	20,000 00	
Seattle Mission Work	4,000 00	
Main Building, Kansas City Training School	30,000 00	
	$245,500 00	$245,500 00

Additional Conditional Appropriations Granted by the Board of Managers.

Anthracite Mission, Hazleton, Pa., building	$8,000 00
Immigrant Work, Northwest Kansas Conference	500 00
Italian Work:	
Elmira, N. Y	1,000 00
New Hampshire Conference	500 00
Barre, Vt	500 00
Kingston, Wyoming Conference	50 00
Sinuk, Alaska:	
Chapel and Furnishings	1,250 00
Engine	600 00

Ebenezer Mitchell Home, $50; Salary, $15	$65 00
Cunningham Orphanage	2,000 00
South California Conference David and Margaret Home	1,500 00
Crouch Memorial, Los Angeles (unconditional)	500 00
California Conference, Beulah Rest Home	500 00
Cedartown (building)	3,000 00

Conference and City Work.

New England	$100 00
Central Pennsylvania, Harrisburg	400 00
New England Southern, New London, Conn	125 00
New York East	500 00
Oregon Conference	1,000 00
Northwest Iowa, Wall St. Mission, Sioux City, Ia	500 00
West Wisconsin	700 00

Navajo Mission: Salary, $1,050; Student Aid, $2,000; Building (paid in), $5,000; Furnace, $1,500; Special, $500; Current Expenses, $350.

MRS. DELIA LATHROP WILLIAMS.

PLEDGES.

GENERAL FUND: Alabama, $60; Atlanta, $200; Baltimore, $3,500; Central Illinois, $1,450; Central New York, $3,000; Central Ohio, $4,000; Central Pennsylvania, $2,000; Cincinnati, $3,500; Colorado, $700; Columbia River, $600; Des Moines, 2,600; Detroit, $2,300; East Ohio, $4,200; Erie, $3,600; Genesee, $2,600; Illinois, $3,000; Indiana, $3,000; Iowa, $1,800; Lexington, $374; Little Rock, $122; Michigan, $3,300; Minnesota, $500; Nebraska, $1,600; Newark, $2,500; New England, $2,000; New England Southern, $1,350; New Jersey, $2,500; New York, $1,600; New York East, $2,100; North Dakota, $350; North Indiana, $3,080; North Nebraska, $900; North Ohio, $2,100; Northern Minnesota, $535; Northern New York, $3,000; Northwest Indiana, $1,800; Northwest Iowa, $1,700; Northwest Kansas, $500; Ohio, $3,000; Oklahoma, $400; Philadelphia, $1,517; Pittsburg, $3,700; Puget Sound, $1,200; Rock River, $4,800; St. Louis, $1,000; South Kansas, $650; Southern California, $2,800; Southern Illinois, $1,200; Southwest Kansas, $1,900; Troy, $2,250; Upper Iowa, $3,000; Vermont, $700; Washington, $420; West Texas, $100; West Virginia, $600; Wilmington, $1,000; Wyoming, $2,000.

HAVEN HOME.—*Salary:* Erie, $300; Philadelphia, $1. *Current Expenses:* North Indiana, $25. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $25; Central Ohio, $50; Columbia River, $10; Dakota, $100; Des Moines, $20; East Ohio, $50; Genesee, $5; Indiana, $25; Michigan, $15; New England, $50; New York, $10; North Indiana, $50; North Ohio, $25; Northern Minnesota, $25; Northern New York, $20; Northwest Indiana, $50; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $20; Philadelphia, $187; Pittsburg, $30; Puget Sound, $15; Rock River, $10; Southern California, $30; West Wisconsin, $10; Wilmington, $25; Wyoming, $50. *Special:* Detroit, $5; Genesee, $20; Newark, $10; North Nebraska, $20; Ohio, $25; Oregon, $50; Southern California, $30; Wilmington, $25 for Laundry.

SPEEDWELL, GA.—*Current Expenses:* Pittsburg, $10. *Student Aid:* Genesee, $40; Northwest Kansas, $10. *Special:* Genesee, $20.

THAYER HOME, ATLANTA, GA.—*Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $100. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $60; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $65; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $50; Genesee, $15; Minnesota, $15; Newark, $40; New England, $110; New York East, $60; North Indiana, $100; North Ohio, $15; Northern Minnesota, $20; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Kansas, $10; Philadelphia, $16; Pittsburg, $20; Rock River, $50; Washington, $50; West Wisconsin, $25; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $75; Wyoming, $50. *Kindergarten:* Cincinnati, $40; Iowa, $10; New Jersey, $15; New York, $15; North Indiana, $15; Northern New York, $5; Puget Sound, $15; South Kansas, $15; Vermont, $30. *Special:* Atlanta, $25; California, $10; Central Illinois, $35; Cincinnati, $10; Columbia River, $10; Genesee, $5; New England Southern, $100; North Nebraska, $20; Ohio, $25; Puget Sound, $25; South Kansas, $10; Southern California, $40; Vermont, $20; Washington, $60. *Building:* Atlanta, $225; Central Illinois, $15; Central Ohio, $50; Des Moines, $100; East Ohio, $100; Erie, $100; Lexington, $25; New England Southern,

$25; New Jersey, $25; New York East, $20; North Indiana, $25; Northern Minnesota, $50; Northwest Iowa, $25; Ohio, $200; Philadelphia, $90. *Windows:* Little Rock, $15; New York East, $10; Washington, $10.

Boylan Home and School, Jacksonville, Fla.—*Salary:* North Indiana, $320, sewing teacher. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $50; Indiana, $57; Pittsburg, $25. *Student Aid:* California, $10; Central New York, $20; Central Ohio, $50; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $50; Illinois, $125; Nebraska, $50; New England Southern, $50; New Hampshire, $100; New York, $10; New York East, $10; North Indiana, $130; North Ohio, $40; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $50; Rock River, $50; Southwest Kansas, $24; Washington, $25; Wisconsin, $60; Wyoming, $50. *Building:* Central Ohio, $50; Cincinnati, to name room, $100; Des Moines, $100; Erie, $100; Indiana, $10; Michigan, $100; New Jersey, $20; New York East, $25; North Indiana, $100; Southern California, $10; West Wisconsin, $10.

Brewster Hospital.—*Current Expenses:* California, $10; Central Illinois, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $15; Cincinnati, $10; East Ohio, $50; Genesee, $15; Michigan, $25; New York East, $10; North Indiana, $50; Northern Minnesota, $10; Pittsburg, $50; Rock River, $10. *Nurse Training:* Des Moines, $25. *Special:* California, $5; Central Pennsylvania, $15; North Nebraska, $5; Ohio, $20; Troy, $25; Upper Iowa, $50.

Settlement Work.—Indiana, $10.

Emerson Home.—*Salary:* East Ohio, $300; Pittsburg, $10. *Current Expenses:* Central Ohio, $25; North Indiana, $50; Southern California, $10. *Student Aid:* East Ohio, $50; Indiana, $10; Michigan, $15; Newark, $5; New York East, $50; North Indiana, $50; Ohio, $50; South Kansas, $20; Upper Iowa, $25.

Allen Home.—*Salary:* Indiana, $32; Philadelphia, $1; Pittsburg, $10; Upper Iowa, $25. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $50. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Cincinnati, $10; Columbia River, $5; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $80; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $90; Genesee, $20; Indiana, $12; Iowa, $50; New England Southern, $50; North Ohio, $25; Northwest Indiana, $50; Pittsburg, $50; Rock River, $25; West Wisconsin, $25; Wyoming, $50; Miss Guernsey, $45 from Mothers' Jewels. *Special:* Detroit, $25; Genesee, $20; Indiana, $10; Oklahoma, $20. *Seating Chapel:* Des Moines, $200. *Fire Escape:* Central Ohio, $10; Cincinnati, $10; East Ohio, $10; Erie, $25; Genesee, $10; Newark, $25; New Jersey, $5; New York East, $10; North Indiana, $5; Northern Minnesota, $5; Northern New York, $5; Pittsburg, $10; Rock River, $10; South Kansas, $5; Washington, $5; Wilmington ,$10; Miss Guernsey, $5.

Browning Home.—*Salary:* Maine, $7.50. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $50; New England Southern, $25. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $30; Cincinnati, $5; Detroit, $50; Genesee, $20; Maine, $10; New England, $40; New England Southern, $100; North Nebraska, $10; Rock River, $50; Southern California, $10; Southern Illinois, $50; Upper Iowa, $50; Wyoming, $50. *Special:* Detroit, $10; New England, $30 for plantation; New England Southern, $25; New York, $5; North Ohio, $10; Ohio, $25. *Horse and Carriage:* Central Ohio, $10; Cincinnati, $10; Des Moines, $10; Detroit, $10; East Ohio, $10; Genesee, $10; Illinois, $10; Indiana, $5; Newark, $25; New York, $5; New York East, $5; North Indiana, $15; Northern Minnesota, $10; Northern New York, $5; Rock River, $10; Southern California, $10.

KENT HOME.—*Current Expenses:* Indiana, $5; Northwest Kansas, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $15; Colorado, $5; Detroit, $150; East Ohio, $50; New York, $45; New York East, $35; Northern New York, $50; Rock River, $100; Southern Illinois, $10; Southwest Kansas, $25; Vermont, $50; Wyoming, $25. *Special:* Central Illinois, $10; Central New York, $50; Cincinnati, $100; Columbia River, $100; Genesee, $20; Iowa, $10; North Nebraska, $15; Oklahoma, $10; Oregon, $35; Southern Illinois, $10; Southwest Kansas, $17; Washington, $5; West Wisconsin, $10. *Building:* Central Ohio, $100; Des Moines, $102.10; East Ohio, $150; Erie, $100; Michigan, $150; Newark, $150; New England Southern, $25; New York East, $140; North Indiana, $75; North Ohio, $100; Northern Minnesota, $165; Northwest Indiana, $100; Philadelphia, $21; Troy, $500. *Furnishing:* Detroit, $100; New Jersey, $30; Mrs. Kent, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Southern California, $10; Wilmington, $10; Wyoming, $10. *Name Room:* Cincinnati, $5; North Indiana, $10; Pittsburg, $5. *Library:* Cincinnati, $5; Ohio, $25.

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE HOME.—*Student Aid:* Detroit, $250; Newark, $10; New Jersey, $50; New York, $20; New York East, $10; Miss Guernsey, Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels, $50. *Special:* Genesee, $10.

ELIZABETH RITTER HOME.—*Current Expenses:* Genesee, $25; New Hampshire, $10; North Indiana, $25. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $100; Central Illinois, $15; Central Ohio, $50; Cincinnati, $175; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $275; East Ohio, $100; Erie, $40; Genesee, $25; Illinois, $225; Indiana, $122; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $50; Minnesota, $25; Nebraska, $50; New England, $25; New England Southern, $50; New Jersey, $50; New York, $25; New York East, $100; North Dakota, $40; North Ohio, $25; Northern Minnesota, $35; Northern New York, $150; Northwest Indiana, $50; Northwest Kansas, $50; Ohio, $50; Philadelphia, $50; Pittsburg, $65; Rock River, $100; St. Louis, $60; South Kansas, $140; Southern Illinois, $30; Southwest Kansas, $255; Vermont, $25; West Virginia, $100; Wilmington, $50; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $50; Miss Guernsey, $50. *Special:* Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $50; Genesee, $50; North Ohio, $25; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Indiana, $100; Troy, $25; Upper Iowa, $100; Vermont, $25. *Building:* Baltimore, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Des Moines, $100; Erie, $100; Indiana, $5; Michigan, $100; New Jersey, $25; North Indiana, $40; Northwest Iowa, $50; Wilmington, $10. *To Name Chapel:* Central Ohio, $500. *Furnishings:* Ohio, $200. *Laundry:* Southern California, $10.

E. L. RUST HOME.—*Current Expenses:* Central Ohio, $20; Upper Mississippi, $50. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $50; Delaware, $5; Detroit, $95; Erie, $25; Michigan, $50; New York, $10; Puget Sound, $10; Rock River, $25; Upper Iowa, $25; Upper Mississippi, $70; Washington, $10; West Virginia, $10. *Special:* Detroit, $10; Illinois, $5; North Ohio, $50; Southern Illinois, $5; Upper Mississippi, $10; Washington, $10; West Virginia, $15. *Laundry:* California, $10; Central Ohio, $5; Des Moines, $10; East Ohio, $25; Genesee, $10; Illinois, $5; Indiana, $18; Iowa, $10; Kansas, $10; Michigan, $5; Northern Minnesota, $10; Northern New York, $10; Philadelphia, $5; Pittsburg, $20; Rock River, $10; South Kansas, $5; Upper Mississippi, $5. *Furnace:* Central New York, $10; Maine, $5; Michigan, $5; Philadelphia, $5; Rock River, $10; South Kansas, $5; Southern Illinois, $5. *Repairs:* Erie, $50.

BENNETT HOME.—*Salary:* South Kansas, $10. *Current Expenses:* Indiana, $20; Minnesota, $20; Philadelphia, $10; Southern California, $10; West Wisconsin, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $50; Central Ohio, $25; Cincinnati, $25; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $70; East Ohio,

$50; Illinois, $40; Indiana, $50; Iowa, $25; New York, $10; New York East, $85; North Dakota, $25; North Indiana, $155; Northern Minnesota, $35; Northwest Indiana, $50; Pittsburg, $40; Rock River, $50; St. Louis, $80; South Kansas, $50; West Virginia, $50; West Wisconsin, $10; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $150; Miss Guernsey, $100. *Special:* East Ohio, $50; Genesee, $5; North Ohio, $100; Ohio, $25; South Kansas, $10. *Building Fund:* Southern Illinois, $2.

Bennett Academy.—*Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $50. *Student Aid:* Erie, $40.

Dickson Hall.—*Salary:* Des Moines, $10. *Current Expenses:* North Indiana, $15.

Adeline Smith Home.—*Salary:* California, $5; Central New York, $10; Colorado, $10; Detroit, $10; Little Rock, $10; Maine, $5; New Jersey, $10; New York East, $10; Northwest Indiana, $5; Oregon, $10; Southern California, $10; Southern Illinois, $10; Wisconsin, $10. *Current Expenses:* Erie, $25; Genesee, $25; North Indiana, $35; Pittsburg, $25. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $80; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Cincinnati, $5; Delaware, $10; Des Moines, $100; Detroit, $115; East Ohio, $200; Indiana, $22; Lexington, $60; Little Rock, $110; Michigan, $50; Nebraska, $50; New York East, $50; Northern Minnesota, $40; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Indiana, $100; Northwest Iowa, $50; Northwest Kansas, $50; $50 from the Young People; Ohio, $25; Rock River, $150; St. John's River, $25; St. Louis, $50; Upper Iowa, $100; Wisconsin, $30. *Special:* Lexington, $8; North Nebraska, $15; Northern New York, $40; Southern Illinois, $10.

Italian Work, New Orleans.—Northwest Indiana, $50; Southwest Kansas, $2.

Peck School of Domestic Science.—*Salary:* Des Moines, $10. *Current Expenses:* Detroit, $25. *Student Aid:* Rock River, $25; Wisconsin, $50. *Special:* Central New York, $500; Des Moines, $10; Lexington, $10; North Indiana, $70; Northern Minnesota, $5; Ohio, $10; Oklahoma, $10. *Building:* Central New York, $5; Central Ohio, $50; Des Moines, $100; Illinois, $10; Michigan, $150; New Jersey, $10; New York East, $20; North Nebraska, $25; North Ohio, $50; Northwest Indiana, $100; Southwest Kansas, $12; Wyoming, $25. *Windows:* Lincoln, $15; Little Rock, $10.

King Home.—*Salary:* Iowa, $35; Newark, $25. *Current Expenses:* Central Illinois, $10; Detroit, $50; East Ohio, $25; Erie, $50; Indiana, $20; New York East, $20; North Indiana, $25; Southern California, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Ohio, $50; Cincinnati, $5; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $75; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $105; Genesee, $25; Indiana, $73; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $50; Nebraska, $50; North Indiana, $65; North Ohio, $10; Northwest Iowa, $50; Ohio, $50; Rock River, $50; St. Louis, $10; Washington, $25; Wisconsin, $10. *Special:* Central Illinois, $50; Detroit, $50; Illinois, $25; Iowa, $25; Lexington, $10; Michigan, $10; New England, $10; Northern Minnesota, $15; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Indiana, $50; Ohio, $25; South Kansas, $10; Southern Illinois, $20; Upper Iowa, $25; Washington, $10.

Eliza Dee Home.—*Salary:* West Texas, $50. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $25; Genesee, $25; Michigan, $25; New Hampshire, $6. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $25; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $50; Iowa, $50; Nebraska, $50; North Dakota, $25; North Ohio, $10; Northern Minnesota, $35; Northwest Kansas, $50; Puget Sound, $10; Rock River, $50; Southwest Kansas, $35; West Texas, $68; Wisconsin, $5.

Special: Iowa, $25; New York, $5; Ohio, $25; Southern Illinois, $10; Southwest Kansas, $5; Troy, $10; West Virginia, $10. *Building:* Des Moines, $50.

Rebecca McCleskey Home.—*Salary:* Central Illinois, $350; Central Ohio, $150; Cincinnati, $5; Colorado, $50; East Ohio, $80; $300 for Librarian; Northern Minnesota, $15; Pittsburg, $20; Southern California, $10; Southern Illinois, $75; West Virginia, $20. *Current Expenses:* Detroit, $275; New York East, $50. *Student Aid:* Alabama, $40; Baltimore, $50; Central Illinois, $175; Central New York, $50; Cincinnati, $160; Colorado, $50; Des Moines, $200; East Ohio, $200; Erie, $105; Genesee, $40; Indiana, $190; Iowa, $50; Kansas, $50; Kentucky, $25; Michigan, $80; Minnesota, $20; Montana, $25; Nebraska, $50; New England, $75; New Hampshire, $52; New Jersey, $50; New York, $50; New York East, $275; North Dakota, $70; North Indiana, $180; North Ohio, $25; Northern Minnesota, $60; Northern New York, $200; Northwest Indiana, $100; Northwest Kansas, $100; Ohio, $50; Oklahoma, $60; Oregon, $10; Puget Sound, $50; Rock River, $150; St. Louis, $45; South Kansas, $50; Southern California, $75; Southwest Kansas, $165; Troy, $50; Upper Iowa, $25; Vermont, $50; West Virginia, $15; Wisconsin, $50; Wyoming, $50. *Special:* Alabama, $40; Central Illinois, $140; Genesee, $15; North Ohio, $25; Northern New York, $25; Southern Illinois, $100. *Building:* Baltimore, $50; Central Ohio, $50; Northwest Indiana, $100; Philadelphia, $5. *To Name Room:* Central New York, $35. *Range:* East Ohio, $225. *Furnace:* Philadelphia, $25. *Settlement Work:* Elizabeth A. Bradley Home, Pittsburg Conference, $10.

Ebenezer C. Mitchell Home.—*Salary:* Central Pennsylvania, $50; Cincinnati, $50; East Ohio, $300. *Current Expenses:* Indiana, $40. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $40; California, $5; Cincinnati, $115; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $165; East Ohio, $200; Erie, $125; Genesee, $20; Illinois, $170; Indiana, $135; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $40; Minnesota, $15; New England Southern, $100; New Jersey, $100; New York East, $110; North Dakota, $75; North Indiana, $70; North Nebraska, $150; North Ohio, $25; Northwest Indiana, $100; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $50; Philadelphia, $153; Puget Sound, $25; Rock River, $50; St. Louis, $100; Southern Illinois, $50; Troy, $100; Upper Iowa, $50. *Special:* Central Illinois, $85; Central New York, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Columbia River, $5; Genesee, $25; North Dakota, $15; Southern Illinois, $50. *Building:* Alabama, $5; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $50; Cincinnati, $150; East Ohio, $100; Indiana, $10; New Jersey, $20; New York, $10; North Ohio, $50; Northwest Indiana, $100; Philadelphia, $22; Pittsburg, $15; Southern California, $50; Southwest Kansas, $2. *To Name Room:* North Indiana, $50.

Community Schools.—Central Ohio, $25; Cincinnati, $10; Detroit, $10; Indiana, $23; Michigan, $18; New Jersey, $10; New York, $10; Northern New York, $50; Pittsburg, $20; Rock River, $10; Southwest Kansas, $2.

Highlanders' Work.—New Hampshire, $5; New York, $10; New York East, $20; Troy, $10.

Cedartown.—Alabama, $10; Baltimore, $20; East Ohio, $20; Illinois, $5; Michigan, $10; Minnesota, $15; North Indiana, $5; Northwest Indiana, $200; Newark, $10; North Ohio, $5; Mothers' Jewels Home, $2; Oklahoma, $10; Rock River, $10; South Kansas, $5; St. Louis, $5; Newark, for Chapel, $300.

Utah.—*Salary:* Des Moines, $50; Illinois, $20; Iowa, $25; New York, $10; Oregon, $25; Philadelphia, $5; Pittsburg, $15; Southern California, $10; Upper Iowa, $50. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $100; Indiana, $17; New England, $10; New York East, $35; North Indiana, $30; Puget Sound, $75; Pittsburg, $10; Wyoming, $25. *Special:* California, $10; Central Illinois, $5; Central New York, $40; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $25; Columbia River, $25; Genesee, $25; Iowa, $25; New England, $25; Northern Minnesota, $20; Northern New York, $20; Northwest Indiana, $50; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $25; Rock River, $100; St. Louis, $25; Southwest Kansas, $13.

Harwood Home.—*Salary:* Central Ohio, $150; Detroit, $10; Illinois, $15; Maine, $10; Newark, $20; New Hampshire, $5; New Jersey, $10; North Nebraska, $10; Pittsburg, $25; Troy, $20; Upper Iowa, $25; Wilmington, $10; Wisconsin, $10. *Current Expenses:* Genesee, $40; West Wisconsin, $5. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $20; Central Ohio, $60; Central Pennsylvania, $70; Cincinnati, $10; Des Moines, $60; Detroit, $90; East Swedish, $140; Erie, $50; Indiana, $67; Iowa, $25; Michigan, $40; Minnesota, $15; Nebraska, $50; Newark, $200; New England, $70; New Hampshire, $5; New York East, $130; North Dakota, $40; North Indiana, $139; North Ohio, $35; Northern Minnesota, $110; Northern New York, $70; Northwest Indiana, $70; Northwest Kansas, $25; Ohio, $60; Oregon, $25; Philadelphia, $68.50; Puget Sound, $30; Rock River, $50; St. Louis, $40; South Kansas, $10; Southern California, $25; Southern Illinois, $20; Troy, $50. *Special:* Genesee, $10; Illinois, $15; New England, $10; New York, $50; Northern Minnesota, $20.

Tucson.—*Salary:* Central Illinois, $50; Cincinnati, $15; East Ohio, $300. *Current Expenses:* Detroit, $50; Indiana, $10. *Student Aid:* Des Moines, $60; Detroit, $70; Indiana, $65; Iowa, $25; Michigan, $12; Minnesota, $80; Newark, $250; New England Southern, $15; New Jersey, $120; New York East, $17.50; Northern Minnesota, $57; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Kansas, $15; Philadelphia, $45; Rock River, $100; St. Louis, $25; Southern California, $60; Southwest Kansas, $42; Troy, $50. *Special:* Central Illinois, $5; Genesee, $20; Nebraska, $50; New York, $25; Oklahoma, $15; South Kansas, $15; Southern Illinois, $40; Upper Iowa, $100. *Building:* Central Pennsylvania, $25; Newark, $100; New York East, $35; North Nebraska, $20; North Ohio, $50; Northwest Indiana, $100; Southern California, $500; Wisconsin, $50; Wyoming, $50; Ohio, for front hall, $200.

El Paso.—El Paso Ladies, $1,500; North Nebraska, $25; Mrs. Anna Kent, $50; Mrs. Rose Gregory Houcka, $1,000; Oregon, $50; Puget Sound, $50.

George O. Robinson Orphanage.—*Salary:* Montana, $15; Northern New York, $320; Puget Sound, $15; Southern California, $150. *Current Expenses:* Detroit, $15; Lexington, $5; North Indiana, $11; Oregon, $25; St. Louis, $40. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $150; California, $10; Central Illinois, $25; Central New York, $35; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $80; Cincinnati, $45; Des Moines, $40; Detroit, $87.50; East Ohio, $80; Erie, $115; Illinois, $80; Indiana, $30; Iowa, $25; Kansas, $40; Michigan, $25; Nebraska, $30; New England, $20; New England Southern, $40; New Jersey, $40; New York, $40; New York East, $130; North Dakota, $20; North Indiana, $35; Northern Minnesota, $80; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Indiana, $80; Ohio, $40; Philadelphia, $46; Pittsburg, $80; Puget Sound, $15; Rock River, $40; St. Louis, $55; Southwest Kansas, $40; Troy, $50; Upper Iowa, $25; West Virginia, $15; Wil-

mington, $40; Wyoming, $40. *Special:* Alabama, $5; California, $10; Des Moines, $45; Genesee, $25; Lexington, $10; Maine, $15; Minnesota, $25; Newark, $300; New England, $5; North Ohio, $50; Northern Minnesota, $55; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburg, $10; West Wisconsin, 55. *Building:* Newark, $200.

Fisk Day School, Ponce.—*Student Aid:* Newark, $75. *Special:* New England Southern, $50; New York East, $10; Ohio, $50. *Building Fund:* Newark, $200.

Vieques.—*Student Aid:* New York East, $25; North Ohio, $15; Southwest Kansas, $15. *Special:* Ohio, $25. *Building Fund:* East Ohio, $100; Wisconsin, $10.

San Juan Training School.—Central New York, $30.

McKinley Day School.—*Current Expenses:* New England, $15; New Hampshire, $15; Pittsburg, $25. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $15; Central Ohio, $15; Central Pennsylvania, $60; Cincinnati, $45; Columbia River, $15; Des Moines, $15; Detroit, $35; East Ohio, $45; Erie, $15; Genesee, $15; Illinois, $15; Indiana, $25; Iowa, $25; Michigan, $25; Minnesota, $15; Nebraska, $30; New England Southern, $50; New Jersey, $30; New York, $15; New York East, $20; North Indiana, $30; Northern Minnesota, $30; Northern New York, $15; Northwest Indiana, $30; Ohio, $30; Philadelphia, $15; Rock River, $100; St. Louis, $15; Southern California, $15; Southwest Kansas, $30; Wilmington, $30. *Special:* Genesee, $15; Southern California, $10; Wyoming, $25.

Frances DePauw Home.—*Salary:* Kansas, $10; Michigan, $25; Rock River, $10; South Kansas, $5; West Wisconsin, $10. *Current Expenses:* Des Moines, $10; East Ohio, $60; Indiana, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Wyoming, $10. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $25; California, $35; Central Illinois, $50; Central New York, $10; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $30; Columbia River, $15; Des Moines, $30; Detroit, $60; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $50; Indiana, $43; Iowa, $25; Maine, $5; Michigan, $25; Minnesota, $5; New York, $15; North Indiana, $20; North Ohio, $15; Ohio, $25; Rock River, $50; Southwest Kansas, $22; West Wisconsin, $5. *Special:* Detroit, $15; Erie, $25; Illinois, $5; Newark, $72; New England, $10; New Jersey, $10; Northern New York, $10; Northwest Iowa, $10; Oregon, $50; South Kansas, $5; Southern California, $1,500; Ohio, $75 for dining room.

The Navajos, Farmington, New Mexico.—*Salary:* Baltimore, $10; Central Illinois, $15; Central New York, $30; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Des Moines, $20; Detroit, $30; Young People, $30; East Ohio, $10; Genesee, $10; Iowa, $10; Kansas, $10; Little Rock, $10; Maine, $10; Minnesota, $5; Newark, $60; North Indiana, $5; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Puget Sound, $30; Rock River, $5; Southern California, $10; Troy, $100; Upper Iowa, $50; Washington, $10; West Virginia, $10; West Wisconsin, $10; Wilmington, $10. *Current Expenses:* New England Southern, $15; North Indiana, $25. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $25; Central New York, $25; Cincinnati, $5; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $90; East Ohio, $200; Iowa, $25; Michigan, $100; Nebraska, $50; New Jersey, $50; New York East, $40; North Dakota, $10; North Ohio, $10; Northwest Iowa, $50; Northwest Kansas, $10; Philadelphia, $60; Pittsburg, $10; Rock River, $500; St. Louis, $25; Southern Illinois, $10; Southwest Kansas, $110; Troy, $300; Wisconsin, $15. *Special:* Alabama, $5; Central Ohio, $30; Detroit, $25; Erie, $25; Genesee, $10; Illinois, $5; Northern Minnesota, $25; New York, $40; Northern New York, $5; Northwest Indiana, $50 for Workers' Dining Room; Ohio, $25; Oklahoma, $15; Troy, $100.

Building Fund: Central New York, $7; Des Moines, $50; Genesee, $4; Lexington, $5; Oregon, $25; Washington, $1; Wilmington, $10; Michigan, $40 for beds. *Furnace:* Des Moines, $50; New Jersey, $10; North Indiana, $8; Pittsburg, $20. *Carriage:* Des Moines, $25; Northern New York, $10.

Ponca Indians.—East Ohio, $20; Erie, $10; Genesee, $10; North Indiana, $15; North Ohio, $10; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $10; Wilmington, $5; for horse, Oklahoma, $25.

Pottowatomies.—Central Ohio, $25; Central Tennessee, $5; Cincinnati, $10; Detroit, Mrs. Robinson, $10; East Ohio, $25; Genesee, $5; Illinois, $35; Kansas, $200; Michigan, $10; Nebraska, $50; Newark, $20; New York East, $20; North Indiana, $10; North Nebraska, $25; Northern New York, $5; Northwest Indiana, $25; Northwest Kansas, $10; Ohio, $10; Philadelphia, $5; Pittsburg, $20; Rock River, $30; St. Louis, $25; South Kansas, $10; Southern California, $5; Southern Illinois, $10; Southwest Kansas, $5; Troy, $25; Upper Iowa, $25; Wisconsin, $5; Miss Snyder, $25; Navajo children, $10.

Yumas.—Alabama, $5; California, $10; Central New York, $25; Des Moines, $10; East Ohio, $25; Erie, $15; New England, $25 for an interpreter; New York East, $15; Northwest Indiana, $25; Ohio, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Southern California, $940; Upper Iowa, $25; West Virginia, $10; Wilmington, $10. *Medicine:* Central New York, $5; Michigan, $5; Newark, $10; New York, $5; North Indiana, $10; Oregon, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Rock River, $5; Troy, $5; Northern New York, Mrs. MacOmber, $5.

Greenville.—Baltimore, $10; California, $30; Central Illinois, $20; Central Ohio, $10; Cincinnati, $5; Des Moines, $10; Detroit, $25; East Ohio, $25; Genesee, $5; Iowa, $25; Kansas, $5; New York East, $10; Northwest Indiana, $50; Ohio, $10; Oregon, $10; Pittsburg, $10; South Kansas, $5; Southern California, $10; Southwest Kansas, $1; Upper Iowa, $25.

Ukiahs.—Cincinnati, $30; New York, $5; New York East, $5; Northern New York, $5; Wilmington, $5.

Stickney Home.—*Salary:* Upper Iowa, $25. *Current Expenses:* Indiana, $62; Michigan, $25; New York East, $30; Puget Sound, $200. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $25; Central Illinois, $20; Central Pennsylvania, $20; Cincinnati, $5; Columbia River, $20; Detroit, $135; East Ohio, $50; Iowa, $50; New England, $20; New York East, $75; Northern New York, $15; Northwest Iowa, $50; Ohio, $25; Pittsburg, $50; Rock River, $50; Southern Illinois, $20; Southwest Kansas, $5; Troy, $25; Wisconsin, $25; Wyoming, $40. *Special:* California, $10; Des Moines, $10; Illinois, $30; North Nebraska, $20.

Jesse Lee Home.—*Salary:* Baltimore, $25; Detroit, $50; Illinois, $50; New York, $25; North Dakota, $10; Oregon, $50; Puget Sound, $50; Rock River, $10. *Current Expenses:* Iowa, $25; Oregon, $50; Pittsburg, $35; Wilmington, $15. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $150; California, $10; Central Ohio, $75; Central Pennsylvania, $70; Columbia River, $50; Des Moines, $60; Detroit, $120; East Ohio, $70; Erie, $50; Genesee, $30; Indiana, $35; Iowa, $50; Kansas, $10; Kentucky, $15; Maine, $10; Michigan, $10; Minnesota, $15; Montana, $60; New England, $30; New England Southern, $30; New Hampshire, $58; New Jersey, $60; New York, $20; New York East, $150; North Dakota, $15; North Indiana, $60; Northern Minnesota, $240; Northern New York, $50;

Northwest Iowa, $60; Northwest Kansas, $15; Ohio, $60; Oklahoma, $15; Philadelphia, $101; Puget Sound, $100; Rock River, $200; Southern California, $100; West Wisconsin, $50; Wisconsin, $40; Wyoming, $100; E. L. Rust Home Q. E. C., $10. *Special:* Alabama, $10; Central Illinois, $20; Central New York, $25; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Detroit, $50; Nebraska, $50; Newark, $50; North Nebraska, $20; North Ohio, $30; Northern New York, $25; Pittsburg, $95; Puget Sound, $65; South Kansas, $10; Southwest Kansas, $100; Southern Illinois, $20; Troy, $50; West Virginia, $20. *Hospital:* Baltimore, $25; East Ohio, $100; Michigan, $10; Upper Iowa, $25. *Fuel:* Puget Sound, $10. *Building:* Lexington, $5.

Sinuk.—*Salary:* New Hampshire, $25; South Kansas, $10; Southern California, $50; Upper Iowa, $25; West Virginia, $10. *Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $25; Lexington, $1; New England Southern, $25; New York East, $15; Philadelphia, $25; Pittsburg, $10. *Student Aid:* Columbia River, $50; Detroit, $66.25; Indiana, $125; Maine, $1; Michigan, $10; Minnesota, $25; New England, $25; New Hampshire, $25; New Jersey, $60; New York, $10; New York East, $50; North Dakota, $25; Northern Minnesota, $155; Northwest Indiana, $40; Northwest Kansas, $10; Philadelphia, $6; Puget Sound, $75; St. Louis, $100; South Kansas, $30; Troy, $50; Wisconsin, $15. *Chapel:* Alabama, $5; Baltimore, $10; Central Illinois, $10; Central New York, $5; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Erie, $5; Iowa, $10; Michigan, $10; Newark, $50; New York East, $30; North Nebraska, $5; North Ohio, $10; Northern Minnesota, $10; Northwest Iowa, $20; Oregon, $50; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburg, $5; Rock River, $15; Upper Iowa, $25. *Special:* California, $10; Central New York, $30; Central Pennsylvania, $25; Little Rock, $10; Nebraska, $50; New York, $5; Northern New York, $10; Ohio, $25; Southern California, $300; Southern Illinois, $25. *Building:* Central Ohio, $50, to name kitchen; Cincinnati, $15; Erie, $100; North Ohio, $50; North Nebraska, $25; Ohio, $50; Philadelphia, $3. *Boat:* New Jersey, $1,200. *Reindeer:* Genesee, $20; North Indiana, $10; Northern Minnesota, $5.

Immigrant Work, New York City.—*Salary:* Baltimore, $25; California, $10; Central Illinois, $60; Central New York, $30; Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Des Moines, $50; East Ohio, $25; Erie, $100; Genesee, $40; Illinois, $25; Indiana, $50; Iowa, $25; Michigan, $10; Nebraska, $50; Newark, $50; New Jersey, $15; New York, $300; New York East, $140; Northern New York, $40; Ohio, $50; Pittsburg, $15; St. Louis, $15; South Kansas, $5; Southern California, $50; Southern Illinois, $20; Troy, $50; Upper Iowa, $50; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $25.

Immigrant Work, East Boston.—Atlanta, Miss Mitchell, $10; California, $10; Central New York, $50; Central Pennsylvania, Young People, $10; Cincinnati, $10; Columbia River, $10; Des Moines, $30; Detroit, $10; East Ohio, $25; Genesee, $10; Minnesota, $40; New England, $600; New England Southern, $50; New Hampshire, $25; New Jersey, $10; New York, $10; North Nebraska, $20; Ohio, $25; Oklahoma, $10; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Rock River, $60; Southern California, $10; Vermont, $50; Wilmington, $25; Wyoming Mission, $25. *Building Fund:* Colorado, $10; Erie, $100; Genesee, $20; Indiana, $48; Michigan, $150; Minnesota, $55; New Hampshire, $100; New York, $100; North Indiana, $150; North Ohio, $100; Northwest Indiana, $100; Philadelphia, $160; Puget Sound, $10; South Kansas, $15; Upper Iowa, $100; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $100.

IMMIGRANT WORK, PHILADELPHIA.—Des Moines, $20; Nebraska, $25; Philadelphia, $99.50.

IMMIGRANT WORK, SAN PEDRO.—Southern California Conference, $300.

IMMIGRANT WORK, SEATTLE.—Central Illinois, $40; Central Ohio, $25; Colorado, $10; Des Moines, $30; East Ohio, $10; Indiana, $50; Michigan missionary work, $25; Newark, $25; New York, $25; Northern Minnesota, $125; Ohio, $5; Pittsburg, $10; Puget Sound, $1,000; South Kansas, $10.

CHINESE HOME, SAN FRANCISCO.—*Salary:* Des Moines, $180; Erie, $25; Genesee, $10; Iowa, $10; Kansas, Mrs. Cope, $10; New York East, $25; Rock River, $10; South Kansas, $10; Upper Iowa, $25. *Current Expenses:* California, $1,000; Columbia River, $5; Detroit, $15; Indiana, $5; Newark, $50; New York East, $10; Oregon, $50; Pittsburg, $10; Wisconsin, $10. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $160; Central Illinois, $35; Central New York, $70; Columbia River, $20; Detroit, $35; Illinois, $60; Indiana, $100; Iowa, $50; Michigan, $25; Minnesota, $5; New England, $35; New York East, $7.50; North Indiana, $60; Northern Minnesota, $55; Northern New York, $15; Northwest Indiana, $70; Northwest Iowa, $70; Northwest Kansas, $50; Ohio, $70; Philadelphia, $10; Puget Sound, $75; Rock River, $200; St. Louis, $95; Southern Illinois, $30; West Wisconsin, $25; Wisconsin, $10; Wyoming, $70. *Kindergarten:* Cincinnati, $15; East Ohio, $45; Genesee, $15; Illinois, $15; Nebraska, $30; New Jersey, $30; Northern Minnesota, $15; Northwest Indiana, $30; Ohio, $15; Miss Guernsey, $150. *Special:* New York, $10; North Indiana, $25; Northern Minnesota, $30; Northern New York, $40; Oklahoma, $20; South Kansas, $25; Troy, $25. *Building:* Baltimore, $25; Central New York, $35; Central Ohio, $25; East Ohio, $100; Erie, $50; New York East, $25; North Nebraska, $20 North Ohio, $100; Northwest Indiana, $100; Philadelphia, $10; Southern California, $101; Southwest Kansas, $14; Wilmington, $25; Wyoming, $100. *Window:* Central Pennsylvania, $10. *Furnishings:* Indiana, $25.

CHINESE WORK, LOS ANGELES.—*Student Aid:* Miss Guernsey, $50.

ELLEN STARK FORD HOME, SAN FRANCISCO.—*Salary:* Central Ohio, $25; Colorado, $5; Minnesota, $5; New York, $20; Oregon, $25; Philadelphia, $10; Pittsburg, $50; Upper Iowa, $25. *Current Expenses:* California, $600; Central Ohio, $25; Detroit, 10; Michigan, $10; Newark, $50. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $60; Central Illinois, $25; Columbia River, $15; Des Moines, $60; Iowa, $50; Minnesota, $30; Nebraska, $15; New England, $30; New Jersey, $60; New York East, $25; North Dakota, $25; North Indiana, $25; North Nebraska, $30; North Ohio, $25; Northern Minnesota, $40; Northwest Indiana, $60; Ohio, $60; Philadelphia, $5; Puget Sound, $25; St. Louis, $100; Southern California, $50; Southwest Kansas, $16; Wyoming, $60. *Kindergarten:* Central New York, $40; Des Moines, $15; East Ohio, $45; Genesee, $15; New Jersey, $15; New York East, $30; Northern Minnesota, $15; Northwest Indiana, $30; Rock River, $100. *Special:* Des Moines, $45; Detroit, $25; Genesee, $60; Illinois, $50; Nebraska, $50; New York, $20; North Nebraska, $10; Northern New York, $20; Pittsburg, $40; South Kansas, $15; Southern California, $500; Troy, $25; Wilmington, $15. *Building:* East Ohio, $100.

JAPANESE WORK, LOS ANGELES.—*Salary:* Central Ohio, $15; East Ohio, $10; Genesee, $50; Kansas, $10; Oregon, $25; Pittsburg, $10; South Kansas, $5. *Student Aid:* Miss Guernsey, $50. *Special:* Iowa, $10; Michigan, $5; Illinois, $10; Philadelphia, $15; Upper Iowa, $25; Rock River, $50.

HAWAII, HONOLULU.—*Salary:* Baltimore, $10; Illinois, $50; Michigan, $15; Oregon, $15; Pittsburg, $15; Upper Iowa, $50. *Current Expenses:* California, $400; Michigan, $15; Newark, $25; New York East, $15; Northwest Iowa, $5; Oregon, $50; Puget Sound, $100. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $25; Central Illinois, $60; Central Pennsylvania, $25; Colorado, $15, from H. G.; Columbia River, $35; Des Moines, $60; East Ohio, $120; Indiana, $60; Iowa, $40; Michigan, $20; Montana, $5; Newark, $40; New York, $15; Northern Minnesota, $35; Northern New York, $25; Northwest Indiana, $100; Northwest Kansas, $110; Oklahoma, $25; Pittsburg, $25; Rock River, $200; St. Louis, $120; Southern California, $60; Troy, $50; West Wisconsin, $10. *Kindergarten:* Baltimore, $5; Des Moines, $15; Detroit, $10; East Ohio, $45; Erie, $35; New York, $15; New York East, $10; Northern New York, $15; Oklahoma, $15; Rock River, $5. *Special:* Des Moines, $45; Detroit, $10; Genesee, $25; Nebraska, $50; New England, $20; New York, $10; North Ohio, $25; Ohio, $25; Southwest Kansas, $100; Wilmington, $10; Pittsburg, $25, for Dr. Wadman's work. *For Christmas:* Colorado, $5; California, $5; Central Pennsylvania, $5; Detroit, $5; Des Moines, $5; Erie, $5; Michigan, $5; New York, $5; Northern New York, $5; New York East, $5; New Jersey, $5; Oregon, $5; Ohio, $5; East Ohio, $5; Newark, $5; Pittsburg, $5; St. Louis, $5; Southern California, $5; Watts De Peyster Mothers' Jewels, $5; Bradley Home, $5; Mrs. Balsinger, $5; a friend, $5.

MOTHERS' JEWELS HOME.—*Salary:* Lexington, $5; North Nebraska, $100; Rock River, $5. *Current Expenses:* Cincinnati, $5; East Ohio, $5; Erie, $25; Illinois, $10; New York East, $20; Oregon, $10; Philadelphia, $5; Pittsburg, $10; Upper Iowa, $25; Wilmington, $10; Wisconsin, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $15; Central Pennsylvania, $100; Detroit, $26.50; East Ohio, $50; Erie, $12; Genesee, $20; Nebraska, $100; Newark, $15; New England Southern, $25; New Hampshire, $10; New Jersey, $25; North Dakota, $55; North Indiana, $25; North Nebraska, $50; North Ohio, $10; Northern New York, $50; Northwest Indiana, $50; Northwest Kansas, $50; Ohio, $25; St. Louis, $75; Southwest Kansas, $92; Wyoming, $50. *Special:* Alabama, $5; Central Illinois, $15; Central New York, $30; Central Ohio, $25; Des Moines, $100; Illinois, $10; Minnesota, $5; Nebraska, $400; New England, $15; New Jersey, $25; South Kansas, $5; Southern California, $75; Southern Illinois, $25; Wilmington, $5. *Linoleum:* Central New York, $5; Erie, $5; Indiana, $5; Iowa, $5; Michigan, $5; Upper Iowa, $10; Watts De Peyster Jewels, $5.

WATTS DE PEYSTER HOME.—*Current Expenses:* California, $10; Michigan, $25; Rock River, $10. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $25; Erie, $50; Genesee, $15; Michigan, $25; Newark, $75; New England, $30; New England Southern, $40; New Jersey, $10; New York, $1,600; New York East, $225; North Indiana, $15; Northern New York, $70; Northwest Kansas, $10; Philadelphia, $5; St. Louis, $25; Southern California, $10; Southwest Kansas, $10; Troy, $300; Wilmington, $25; Wisconsin, $15; Wyoming, $80. *Special:* Central New York, $20; Central Ohio, $25; Des Moines, $25; Genesee, $15; Illinois, $5; Troy, $200. *Furnace:* Central Pennsylvania, $5; Cincinnati, $10; New Jersey, $10; North Ohio, $10; Mothers' Jewels Home, $5.

ELIZABETH A. BRADLEY HOME.—*Special:* Central New York, $15; Central Pennsylvania, $5; Genesee, $20; New York, $10; North Indiana, $10; Oklahoma, $10; Pittsburg, $5,000; Troy, $25.

CUNNINGHAM ORPHANAGE.—*Current Expenses:* East Ohio, $25; Erie, $25; New York East, $35; Indiana, $11; Wisconsin, $5. *Student Aid:*

Central Illinois, $85; Central Pennsylvania, $5; Columbia River, $15; Detroit, $30; Genesee, $10; Iowa, $50; Nebraska, $50; Newark, $15; New York, $5; North Dakota, $25; North Indiana, $25; North Ohio, $10; Northwest Kansas, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Puget Sound, $25; St. Louis, $37; Southern Illinois, $30; Wisconsin, $15. *Special:* Central Illinois, $60; Central New York, $20; Central Ohio, $25; Des Moines, $25; Genesee, $10; Illinois, $1,800; Lexington, $5; Ohio, $10; North Indiana, $5; Rock River, $200, Southern Illinois, $25; South Kansas, $10, for shoes.

Marcy Home.—*Salary:* Baltimore, $10; Erie, $20; Illinois, $50; Upper Iowa, $25. *Salary for New Worker:* Alabama, $5; Central Missouri, $5; Central New York, $10; Central Ohio, $10; Detroit, $25; Detroit, Young People, $5; Iowa, Mrs. Murphy, $5; New York East, $5; North Indiana, $20; Northern New York, $5; Oregon, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Puget Sound, $20; Rock River, $25; South Kansas, $20; West Wisconsin, $10. *Current Expenses:* Erie, $25; Maine, $10; Michigan, $25; Northwest Iowa, $10; West Virginia, $5. *Student Aid:* Iowa, $50; Northwest Kansas, $10; Southwest Kansas, $3; Wisconsin, $25. *Special:* Alabama, $10; California, $5; Central Illinois, $100; Central New York, $20; Central Ohio, $25; Des Moines, $50; Detroit, $50; Nebraska, $50; New York, $5; North Indiana, $25; Northwest Indiana, $50; Ohio, $10; South Kansas, $10; Southern Illinois, $25; Troy, $25; Rock River Conference, $2,458.

Italian Work, Utica.—Northern New York, $1,000; Central New York, Young People, $10; Erie, $10; Genesee, $5.

Wyoming and Lackawanna Valley Mission.—Wyoming Conference, $50.

Italian Work, Altoona.—Central Pennsylvania, $150.

Italian Work, New Orleans.—Northwest Indiana, $50; Southwest Kansas, $2.

Swedish Work.—Adeline Smith Home, $10; Eastern Swedish Conference, $10; Detroit, Young People, $10; North Indiana, $15; Southwest Kansas, $3; Rock River, $420.

Glenn Home.—*Current Expenses:* Indiana, $15; North Indiana, $30; North Ohio, Mrs. Albright, $10; Rock River, $10; West Virginia, $25. *Special:* Cincinnati, $2,500; Mrs. Thompson, $5; Iowa, $50; Southern Illinois, $10.

Hull Street Settlement and Boston Medical Mission.—*Salary:* Northern New York, $25. *Current Expenses:* Central New York, $25; Indiana, $8; Michigan, $25; Newark, $25; North Indiana, $20; Northern New York, $5; Rock River, $15. *Special:* Central Ohio, $50; Central Pennsylvania, $10; Des Moines, $20; Little Rock, $10; Nebraska, $50; New England, $1,700; New England Southern, $50; New Hampshire, $42; New Jersey, $10; New York, $15; New York East, $10; North Ohio, $25; North Nebraska, $25; Pittsburg, $20; Upper Iowa, $25; Wyoming, $10.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training School.—*Current Expenses:* Genesee, $25. *Student Aid:* Baltimore, $250; Central New York, $190; Central Ohio, $150; Central Pennsylvania, $125; Cincinnati, $125; Detroit, $165; East Ohio, $250; Genesee, $275; Illinois, $125; Indiana, $180; Nebraska, $100; New England Southern, $50; New Jersey, $100; New York, $100; North Indiana, $350; North Ohio, $137; Northern New York, $125; Northwest Indiana, $125; Northwest Iowa, $100; Ohio, $125; Philadelphia, $274; St. Louis, $448; South Kansas, $100; Southern California, $300; Troy, $100; Upper Iowa, $50; Wilmington, $125; Wyoming, $50. *For Porto Rico Girls:* Des Moines, $25; East Ohio, $25; New York East, $10; New York

East, Young People, $5; Newark, —; Minnesota, $50; Ohio, $25. *Special:* New England, $50; Northern New York, $100; Wilmington, $10; New York East, Miss Fricky's Room, $10; Ohio for Reading Room, $100; Vermont for refurnishing room, $50; Wilmington for Miss Achorn Kindergarten, $50; Wilmington for repairs, $10.

Fisk Training School, Kansas City.—*Current Expenses:* Illinois, $5; Rock River, $20; St. Louis, $500; West Virginia, $10. *Student Aid:* Central Illinois, $50; Illinois, $50; Indiana, $137; Nebraska, $100; New York, $25; North Indiana, $25; North Nebraska, $125; Northern Minnesota, $50; Northwest Iowa, $100; Northwest Kansas, $150; Southern California, $50; Southwest Kansas, $60; Upper Iowa, $50. *Special:* Iowa, $10; Nebraska, $150; Oklahoma, $25; South Kansas, $10: *Building:* Northwest Kansas, $150; South Kansas, $110; Southwest Kansas, $10.

San Francisco Training School.—*Current Expenses:* Genesee, $20. *Student Aid:* Central New York, $25; Detroit, $10; Mrs. Robinson, $25; Miss Bancroft, $25; East Ohio, $25; New York, $5; North Indiana, $35; Oregon, $100; Puget Sound, $100. *Special:* California, $500. *Furnishing:* Southern California, $125.

McCrum's Slavonic Training School.—*Current Expenses:* Erie, $25; Detroit, $15; New York, $10; Nebraska, $10; Cincinnati, $5; Central New York, Young People, $25; Des Moines, $10; Upper Iowa, $25; Puget Sound, $10; Ohio, $10; Pittsburg, $160; Pittsburg, Mrs. McDowell, $10; Pittsburg, Young People, $100. *Student Aid:* West Virginia, Mrs. Stone, $100. *Special:* Central Ohio, $10.

Colored Training School.—*Current Expenses:* South Kansas, $10. *Student Aid:* Genesee, $25; Wyoming, $25. *Special:* Des Moines, $15; Central Missouri, $10; Central New York, $5; Central Illinois, $50; Detroit, $50; Iowa, $10; Little Rock, $20; Lexington, $60; Michigan, $15; New York, $5; New England, $5; Pittsburg, $10; Pittsburg, Mrs. McDowell, $10; Mrs. McEldowney, $10; Mrs. O. Shaver, $10; Rock River, $25; St. Louis, $10; Southern California, $50; Upper Iowa, $50; Washington, $10; Lexington Conference, Mrs. Monday, $5; Puget Sound, $10.

Portland Deaconess Home.—New Hampshire, $20.

Cleveland Deaconess Home.—East Ohio, $500; North Ohio for Northside Cottage, $400.

Deaconess Home and Hospital, Toledo, Ohio.—Central Ohio Conference, $500.

New Castle, Pa.—Erie Conference, $120.

Aldrich Deaconess Home.—Michigan Conference, $490.

Shessler Deaconess Home.—Northwest Iowa Conference, $1,200.

Wichita Deaconess Home.—Southwest Kansas, $500; for Training School, $1,000. *Student Aid:* $135.

Grace Institutional Church, Kansas City, Mo.—St. Louis Conference, $250.

Minnesota Conference Deaconess Work.—$500.

Detroit Deaconess Home.—North Indiana Conference, $20.

Philadelphia Deaconess Home.—Philadelphia Conference, $8,000.

Pittsburg Deaconess Home.—Pittsburg Conference, $3,000.

Indiana Deaconess Home.—Indiana Conference Student Aid, $385.

Wall Street Industrial School.—Northwest Iowa Conference, $500.

Graham Hospital, Keokuk, Iowa.—Iowa Conference, $300; Upper Iowa, $100.

Burge Hospital.—Upper Iowa, $50; St. Louis, $295.

Colorado Springs Deaconess Hospital.—St. Louis, $300.

Sibley Hospital.—Genesee, $20; New Jersey, $10; Upper Iowa, $100.

California Hospital.—Upper Iowa, $50.

Indiana Hospital.—North Indiana, $600; Northwest Indiana, $500.

Permanent Deaconess' Fund.—East Ohio, $100; Kentucky, $15; Nebraska, $10.

Bancroft Rest Home.—Central Pennsylvania, $10; Erie, $10; Genesee, $10; Newark, $100; New Jersey, $35; New York, $30; New York East, $55; North Indiana, $15; Philadelphia, $27; Rock River, $25; Southern Illinois, $5; Troy, $25; Washington, $2; Wyoming, $25.

Thompson Rest Home.—New York, $10.

Wing Rest Home.—Cincinnati, $5; Pittsburg, $10; Southern California, $300.

Beulah Rest Home.—*For the well:* Cincinnati, $10; Central New York, $5; New York East, $10; New York, $40; New Jersey, $10; Northern New York, $10; Oregon, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Puget Sound, $5; Rock River, $10; South Kansas, $5; Southern California, $50; Oakland, Southern California Conference, $10.

Silver Offering.—Indiana Conference, $20.

CONFERENCE WORK.

Central Pennsylvania Conference.—Anthracite Mission Building Fund, $500; Anthracite Mission Deaconess Work, $250; Mount Carmel, $120.

East Ohio Conference.—Italian Work, $100.

New York East Conference.—Industrial Work in Brooklyn, $500; Italian Work, Astoria, Long Island, $125; Italian Work, New Haven, Conn., $100; Italian Work, Middletown, Conn., $100.

Northern Minnesota Conference.—Indian Work, $100.

Wisconsin Conference.—Chippewa Indians, $100.

Temperance.—Michigan, $5.

Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Bible Training School.—Iowa, $25; Des Moines, $5,000. *Student Aid:* Upper Iowa, $100.

Bridgeport Deaconess Home.—East Ohio, $250. *Cond. Student Aid:* West Virginia, $100.

Barre Mission, Vermont.—Erie, $5; Genesee, $5; New England, $10; Vermont, $500.

Pledges Made by Conferences for Trees at Boylan Home, One Dollar Each.—Michigan, Wisconsin, Baltimore, Northern Minnesota, East Ohio, Northern New York, Philadelphia, Central Ohio, Iowa, Nebraska, Rock River, Pittsburg, Southern California, Central New York, St. Louis, Genesee, (Grace Church Queen Esthers Circle) Buffalo.

Pledge of One Dollar Each for Trees at Boylan Home.—Mrs. J. F. Mund, Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Mrs. D. L. Williams, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. H. C. Ketcham, Mrs. N. W. Bass, Mrs. L. G. Murphy.

Pledges Made by Conferences of Five Dollars Each.—Puget Sound, Southern Illinois, North Indiana, Northwest Iowa, Des Moines (Young People), Washington (Queen Esthers Circle), Genesee (Young Woman's Society Richmond Avenue Church), Erie (personal).

E. L. Rust Home.—Des Moines, $50; East Ohio, $10; Genesee, $25; Detroit, $50; New York, $10; Northern Minnesota, $5; Central New York, $50; Newark, $25; Cincinnati, $10; Pittsburg, $10; Puget Sound, $10; Wyoming, $5; Mrs. Rhone, $25.

Interpreter for Navajoes.—Delaware, $30; Baltimore, $30; New England, $10; New York, $30; Philadelphia, $10; Troy, $10.

Missionary in Coke Regions.—*Current Expenses,* $325. *Student Aid,* $315.

One dollar pledges for two Afghans amounting to $34.

Mrs. S. J. Turner,
Secretary of Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

MRS. GEORGE H. THOMPSON, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, AUGUST 1, 1909, to AUGUST 1, 1910.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND OTHER RECEIPTS.

INCOME.

		Cash.	Vouchers.	Total.
GENERAL FUND—				
Conference receipts	$117,647 50			
"Other sources"	306 95			
Income—annuity investment	156 50			
Endowment investment	1,866 29			
Miscellaneous bequests	359 91			
Refunded	180 95			
Cincinnati Office receipts	96 32			
Miscellaneous	230 58			
Total General		$120,845 00	$18,396 57	$139,241 57
BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT		8,681 66		8,681 66
SILVER OFFERING		353 12		353 12
STUDENT AID—				
Conference receipts	$53,256 70			
"Other sources"	27 19	53,283 89	7,529 67	60,813 56
SPECIAL FUND—				
Conference receipts	$40,794 98			
"Other sources"	377 38	41,172 36	176,052 36	217,224 72
Total		$224,336 03	$201,978 60	$426,314 63
OTHER INCOME—				
Annuities	$3,820 17			
Endowments	1,151 87			
Bequests	20,151 01			
Gifts	2,000 00	27,123 05		27,123 05
Monthly publication		3,000 00		3,000 00
Total Income		$254,459 08	$201,978 60	$456,437 68
Vouchers from Deaconess Homes			112,756 22	112,756 22
			$314,734 82	$569,193 90
RECEIPTS, NOT INCOME—				
Kent Home Insurance	$2,892 62			
Investments returned	15,200 00			
Notes payable	24,058 25			
Total Receipts, not Income		$42,150 87		$42,150 87
BALANCE AT JULY 31, 1909		1,204 05		1,204 05
Total Income and other Receipts		$297,814 00	$314,734 82	$612,548 82
Value of supplies				$71,496 30

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS.

DISBURSEMENTS.

		Cash.	Vouchers.	Total.
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION—				
Officers salaries	$2,968 11			
Officers expenses	361 42			
Office salaries	8,156 72			
Office expenses	3,180 29	$14,666 54		
Annual Meeting	$4,545 99			
Organizers salaries and expense.	6,112 97			
Bureau Secretaries expense	1,616 27			
Deaconess traveling expense	1,650 17	13,925 40		
Insurance	$3,328 25			
Printing	4,042 71			
Attorney fees	527 95			
Taxes	49 45			
Miscellaneous travel	819 52			
Lunches, Board and Committee meetings	115 25			
Thirtieth Anniversary	100 12			
Mite Boxes	127 06			
Frontier	101 27			
Sundries	30 12	9,241 70		
Interest on Notes payable	$3,972 18			
Interest on Annuities	4,966 93	8,939 11		
Total Administration, etc		$46,772 75	$2,599 22	$49,371 97
EXPENSES OF HOMES, SCHOOLS, ETC.—				
Teachers salaries	$61,847 22			
Teachers travel	4,697 20			
General expense	36,635 37			
	$103,179 79		$164,059 10	$267,238 89
STUDENT AID	$43,791 22		9,877 76	53,668 98
SPECIAL	53,457 71		25,442 52	78,900 23
Total for carrying on work		200,428 72		
Total expenses		$247,201 47	$201,978 60	$449,180 07

OTHER DISBURSEMENTS.

MONEY RETURNED—				
Buffalo Deaconess Home (D. F. Ring Bequest)	$2,000 00			
Miscellaneous	210 37	2,210 37		2,210 37
INVESTMENTS—				
Clough Fund	$13,200 00			
Cincinnati Street Railway Stock.	583 75			
Ground adjoining Mitchell Home	200 00	13,983 75		13,983 75
NOTES PAID		28,988 32		28,988 32
Total Disbursements		$292,383 91	$201,978 60	$494,362 51
BALANCE AT JULY 30, 1910		5,430 09		5,430 09
		$297,814 00	$201,978 60	$499,792 60
DEACONESS HOME VOUCHERS			$112,756 22	$112,756 22
			$314,734 82	$612,548 82

Value of supplies $71,496 30

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Assets:		
Cash		$5,430 09
Investments	$60,539 04	
"Deaconess Homes"	14,300 00	
		74,839 04
Due from Adeline Smith Home (for interest advanced)		421 74
Buildings, Grounds, etc., (Estimated):		
Southern Work	$292,750 00	
Utah	51,600 00	
New Mexico and Oklahoma	30,000 00	
Alaska and Indian	25,000 00	
Pacific Coast and Honolulu	60,000 00	
Porto Rico	27,700 00	
Children's Home	100,000 00	
City Missions	235,500 00	
	$822,550 00	
Training Schools, Homes, Hospitals, etc.	1,108,830 38	
		1,931,380 38
Total assets		$2,012,071 25
Liabilities:		
Notes Payable		$44,100 00
Debt on Training Schools, Homes, etc		92,648 00
Accounts Payable		33,189 94
Endowments:		
Uninvested	$17,202 24	
Invested	47,245 81	
Deaconess Homes	14,300 00	
		78,748 05
Annuities		117,456 67
Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment Acc't		1,645,928 59
Total Liabilities		$2,012.071 25
Total Indebtedness	$187,140 18	

ANNUITY FUNDS RECEIVED DURING YEAR.

A Friend	$800 00
A Friend	520 17
Mrs. Lizzie A. Copp, Richwood, Ohio	1,000 00
Mrs. Laura Taubman, Manoquito, Iowa	500 00
Mrs. Alice C. Salisbury, Sandy Creek, N. Y	1,000 00
	$3,820 17

ENDOWMENTS RECEIVED DURING YEAR.

Interest added to Mather Endowment	$137 84
Glenn Estate, Cincinnati	1,000 00
Interest	14 03
	$1,151 87

BEQUESTS RECEIVED DURING YEAR.

Miss Mary J. Robbins, Cumberland, Ohio, East Ohio	$1,256 37
Mrs. Eugenia Shumway, Polo, Ill., Rock River	871 13
Mrs. De Puy, Rochester, N. Y., Genesee	4,762 50
Mrs. Nettie Davis, Manchester, Iowa, Upper Iowa	50 00
Miss Katherine Smythe, Germantown, Phila., Philadelphia	285 75
Mrs. Sabina E. Parker, Jamestown, N. Y.	50 00
Mrs. Jane S. Crandall, Rock River Conference	387 50
Rev. A. A. Knappen, Albion, Mich.	500 00
Balance from Whetstone Estate, Cincinnati	305 47
Alice J. Gibbs, East Ohio	707 43
Joseph Stevens, Oxford, Mass., New England	500 00
Mrs. Kate Crouse Loucks, Northern New York	7,377 28
Dr. A. M. Galloway, Bedford, Iowa, Des Moines	72 41
William Loton Estate, Eden, N. Y.	380 00
Hattie Annis, York, Pa., Central Pennsylvania	1,355 17
Mrs. Crandall Estate	100 00
Miss Bell Jolly Estate, Central New York	500 00
Isabella L. Matson, Upper Iowa	190 00
Mrs. Martha Graham Estate, New York East	500 00
	$20,151 01

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.—Year 1909-1910.

Conferences.	General Fund.		Silver Offering.	Building and Improvement.	Student Aid.		Special Fund.		Total.		Grand Total.
	Cash.	Vouchers.			Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	
Atlanta	$114 56	$20 00			$13 75		$10 00	$145 50	$138 31	$165 50	$303 81
Arkansas	69 25			$12 00	5 00		1 00		87 25		87 25
Austin	121 26						4 00	220 43	125 26	220 43	345 69
Arizona	222 65					$143 80		1,445 67	222 65	1,589 47	1,812 12
Alabama	80 40	15 50					69 95	60 00	150 35	75 50	225 85
Baltimore	2,989 63	466 86		124 97	1,257 57		283 15	11,712 81	4,655 32	12,179 67	16,834 99
California	796 00	2,141 38		12 80	98 50		112 03	9,027 70	1,019 33	11,169 08	12,188 41
Central Alabama	20 00								20 00		20 00
Central Illinois	1,868 32	245 52		6 90	1,088 35	25 00	666 08	201 72	3,629 65	472 24	4,101 89
Central Missouri	154 25								154 25		154 25
Central Swedish								285 09		285 09	285 09
Central New York	3,594 34	187 26			1,627 81		1,816 63	25 50	7,038 78	212 76	7,251 54
Central Ohio	3,921 45	53 32		670 15	887 52		1,587 68	720 00	7,066 80	773 32	7,840 12
Central Pennsylvania	2,263 64	16 08			1,073 31		324 79	535 14	3,661 74	551 22	4,212 96
Central Tennessee	26 00								26 00		26 00
Cincinnati	2,860 21	130 00		309 27	1,075 71	55 88	3,194 45	114 00	7,439 64	299 88	7,739 52
Colorado	1,167 04	514 67		5 60	432 15		6 25	517 65	1,611 04	1,032 32	2,643 36
Columbia River	707 96	44 78		11 20	293 87		38 50		1,051 53	44 78	1,096 31
Delaware	119 50				20 00				139 50		139 50
Dakota	112 95								112 95		112 95
Des Moines	2,404 69	501 73			2,204 59		1,278 10	3,639 10	5,887 38	4,140 83	10,028 21
Detroit	3,064 77	1,847 96		1,497 67	2,672 74	204 58	732 60	5,310 14	7,967 78	7,362 68	15,330 46
East Maine	84 75								84 75		84 75
East Swedish	10 00								10 00		10 00
East Tennessee	90 00								90 00		90 00
East Ohio	4,144 96	401 56		150 00	2,195 00		2,095 25	6,566 92	8,585 21	6,968 48	15,553 69
Erie	3,973 40	24 80		309 35	1,057 55	50 00	1,848 83	178 43	7,189 13	253 23	7,442 36
Florida	75 90								75 90		75 90
Genesee	2,993 78	739 79		206 84	601 17		796 53	9,221 77	4,598 32	9,961 56	14,559 88
Gulf	43 20								43 20		43 20
Georgia	18 00								18 00		18 00
Holston	439 44	126 91			48 50	186 50	177 00		664 94	313 41	978 35
Idaho	99 65	5 05		18 50			30 50	5 00	148 65	10 05	158 70
Illinois	2,489 81	51 00		325 83	931 35		225 62	4,250 02	3,972 61	4,301 02	8,273 63
Indiana	2,170 39	260 29	$121 37	171 80	1,189 80	10 00	526 67	1,157 38	4,180 03	1,427 67	5,607 70
Iowa	1,911 13	147 96		184 97	899 59		570 11	8,153 18	3,565 80	8,301 14	11,866 94
Kansas	1,339 23	322 56		75 00	632 55	267 00	481 50	253 48	2,528 28	843 04	3,371 32
Kentucky	346 69	55 15		85 00	173 45		214 35	67 35	819 49	122 50	941 99
Lexington	294 36	110 95	1 00	11 39	23 69		9 95		340 39	110 95	451 34
Lincoln	24 00								24 00		24 00
Little Rock	41 75						32 00	179 00	73 75	179 00	252 75

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.—Year 1909-1910.

Conferences.	General Fund.		Silver Offering.	Building and Improvement.	Student Aid.		Special Fund.		Total		Grand Total.
	Cash.	Vouchers.			Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	
Louisiana	$35 00	.....	$10 00	.....	.....	.....	$47 00	$125 00	$92 00	$125 00	$217 00
Maine	680 30	$160 67	.....	$52 60	$269 60	.....	121 00	2,026 31	1,123 50	2,186 98	3,310 48
Michigan	3,153 72	35 30	.....	550 00	900 00	.....	992 00	3,570 71	5,595 72	3,606 01	9,201 73
Minnesota	458 85	148 00	.....	.....	437 99	.....	110 50	94 32	1,007 34	242 32	1,249 66
Mississippi	34 00	6 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	40 00	6 80	46 80
Missouri	95 44	.....	.....	.....	12 50	.....	.....	.....	107 94	.....	107 94
Montana	108 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	108 20	.....	108 20
Nebraska	1,408 59	134 63	.....	106 15	951 99	.....	433 00	278 64	2,899 73	413 27	3,313 00
Newark	2,683 80	5 00	.....	.....	1,197 00	.....	1,265 11	1,828 04	5,145 91	1,833 04	6,978 95
New England	2,026 78	180 13	.....	25 00	581 11	.....	615 00	4,138 77	3,247 89	4,318 90	7,566 79
New England Southern	1,226 12	14 00	.....	102 95	756 97	.....	524 00	335 00	2,610 04	349 00	2,959 04
New Hampshire	683 85	2 75	.....	82 74	447 05	.....	149 15	50 00	1,362 79	52 75	1,415 54
New Jersey	2,867 19	33 48	.....	.....	1,079 48	.....	652 03	197 35	4,598 70	230 83	4,829 53
New Mexico English	60 25	28 00	.....	.....	8 25	$35 00	30 00	.....	98 50	63 00	161 50
New Mexico Spanish	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Nevada Mission	17 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 00	.....	17 00
New York	1,590 27	.....	.....	143 45	1,989 00	90 00	1,135 52	1,220 12	4,858 24	1,310 12	6,168 36
New York East	2,363 52	.....	.....	643 93	1,925 80	.....	757 00	512 63	5,690 25	512 63	6,202 88
North Carolina	76 97	21 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	65 50	21 25	167 47	42 25	209 72
North Dakota	206 42	5 00	.....	.....	333 50	.....	74 37	5 00	614 29	10 00	624 29
North Indiana	3,669 25	429 22	.....	296 38	1,938 30	.....	1,056 35	1,635 65	6,960 28	2,064 87	9,025 15
North Nebraska	1,107 41	39 77	.....	.....	365 51	.....	344 92	.....	1,817 84	39 77	1,857 61
North Ohio	2,028 22	248 96	37 50	228 29	636 00	.....	1,085 73	4,541 91	4,015 74	4,790 87	8,806 61
Northern Minnesota	1,000 20	809 85	.....	18 81	937 35	.....	424 45	379 69	2,380 81	1,189 54	3,570 35
Northern New York	3,187 20	90 55	.....	9 00	1,297 14	72 70	765 60	2,753 75	5,258 94	2,917 00	8,175 94
Northwest Indiana	1,885 72	.....	.....	365 16	811 11	122 23	1,427 06	672 53	4,489 05	794 76	5,283 81
Northwest Iowa	1,808 86	42 09	.....	17 95	709 65	.....	363 69	2,035 28	2,900 15	2,077 37	4,977 52
Northwest Kansas	556 53	25 02	.....	7 00	277 37	110 00	106 85	368 77	947 75	503 79	1,451 54
Ohio	1,982 52	.....	.....	154 78	927 00	.....	1,617 00	3,090 69	4,681 30	3,090 69	7,771 99
Oklahoma	567 43	45 95	.....	64 30	201 11	.....	192 00	.....	1,024 84	45 95	1,070 79
Oregon	512 99	517 27	.....	18 25	522 85	27 85	157 15	320 99	1,211 24	866 11	2,077 35
Philadelphia	1,838 15	.....	.....	.....	1,093 00	.....	803 86	15,118 76	3,735 01	15,118 76	18,853 77
Pittsburg*	3,718 62	12 00	.....	9 60	419 05	26 50	1,157 60	24,070 72	5,304 87	24,109 22	29,414 09
Puget Sound	1,266 95	156 57	.....	75 05	989 23	37 50	428 87	392 87	2,760 10	586 94	3,347 04
Rock River	4,882 05	1,661 24	.....	113 81	2,193 01	245 00	775 88	5,634 91	7,964 75	7,541 15	15,505 90
Savannah	46 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	.....	55 00	.....	55 00
St. John's River	50 09	35 88	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	22 00	90 09	57 88	147 97
St. Louis	850 42	34 45	.....	115 93	940 53	.....	671 00	565 23	2,577 88	599 68	3,177 56
South Carolina	78 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	7 00	103 10	7 00	110 10

*$3,000 in vouchers received too late to be included.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.—Year 1909-1919.

Conferences.	General Fund.		Silver Offering.	Building and Improvement.	Student Aid.		Special Fund.		Total.		Grand Total.
	Cash.	Vouchers.			Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	
South Kansas	$699 01			$37 92	$489 80	$25 00	$173 00	$189 40	$1,399 73	$214 40	$1,614 13
Southern California	3,603 39	$3,693 84		57 15	579 35	5,581 39	166 14	26,395 60	4,406 03	35,670 83	40,076 86
Southern Illinois	1,379 00	154 97		76 30	548 44		414 99	777 88	2,418 73	932 85	3,351 58
Southwest Kansas	1,619 58	236 22		135 74	1,256 23		403 51	1,996 88	3,415 06	2,233 10	5,648 16
Tennessee	16 00						8 00		24 00		24 00
Troy	2,667 11		$33 00	58 25	894 21		1,161 06	2,266 94	4,813 63	2,266 94	7,080 57
Upper Iowa	2,497 59	169 27		470 17	782 15	153 94	1,116 41	657 60	4,866 32	980 81	5,847 13
Utah Mission	68 78				41 20		19 25	473 60	129 23	473 60	602 83
Upper Mississippi	10 00							36 75	10 00	36 75	46 75
Vermont	791 00	10 30		38 50	257 97	22 30	208 00	264 33	1,295 47	296 93	1,592 40
Washington	351 16	80 00	25 00		50 00		110 00		536 16	80 00	616 16
West Nebraska	260 75	90 46			5 00	37 50		51 09	265 75	179 05	444 80
West Texas	150 00				50 00		146 00	11 25	346 00	11 25	357 25
West Virginia	628 52			9 05	538 06		37 00	1,157 31	1,212 63	1,157 31	2,369 94
West Wisconsin	596 86	388 40		58 35	256 02		157 75	26 00	1,068 98	414 40	1,483 38
Wilmington	902 50		110 80	4 50	405 00		262 00	266 16	1,684 80	266 16	1,950 96
Wisconsin	707 36	180 86		42 80	236 45		280 41	102 71	1,267 02	283 57	1,550 59
Wyoming	2,604 70	37 59	14 45	277 56	1,214 85		563 75	785 50	4,675 31	823 09	5,498 40
Wyoming Mission	12 00								12 00		12 00
Other Sources	3,197 50				27 19		377 38	587 05	3,602 07	587 05	4,189 12
Totals	$120,845 00	18,396 57	$353 12	$8,681 66	$53,283 89	7,529 67	$41,172 36	176,052 36	$224,336 03	201,978 60	$426,314 63
Annuities	1,820 17						2,000 00		3,820 17		3,820 17
Bequests	20,151 01								20,151 01		20,151 01
Endowments							1,151 87		1,151 87		1,151 87
Monthly Publications	3,000 00								3,000 00		3,000 00
Gift of J. M. Alexander	2,000 00								2,000 00		2,000 00
Investment returned							15,200 00		15,200 00		15,200 00
Insurance from fire at Kent Home							2,892 62		2,892 62		2,892 62
Cash borrowed during the year	21,058 25						3,000 00		24,058 25		24,058 25
Cash balance Aug. 1, 1909	1,204 05								1,204 05		1,204 05
Total receipts	$170,078 48	18,396 57	$353 12	$8,681 66	$53,283 89	7,529 67	65,416 85	176,052 36	$297,814 00	201,978 60	$499,792 60

Grand Total—Cash and Vouchers **$475,734 35**
Cash borrowed 24,058 25

$112.756.22 in vouchers from Deaconess Homes came too late to be included.

EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1909-1910.

	Salary.		Travel.	Incidentals.		Student Aid.		Special.		Total.	
	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher
Haven Home	$2,000 00	.....	$160 00	.....	.....	$1,178 64	.....	$811 77	$20 95	$4,150 41	$20 95
Speedwell	480 00	.....	64 88	.....	.....	124 00	.....	40 00	.....	708 88	.....
Thayer Home	2,240 00	.....	140 00	.....	.....	1,322 54	$115 00	3,108 81	210 25	6,811 35	325 25
Boylan Home	2,860 00	.....	645 83	.....	.....	946 17	.....	446 05	45 00	4,898 05	45 00
Settlement Work	250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 00	.....	135 00	.....	505 00	.....
Brewster Hospital and Training School	620 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	101 00	.....	387 00	.....	1,108 00	.....
Emerson Home	1,130 00	.....	249 18	.....	.....	285 00	.....	130 00	.....	1,794 18	.....
Allen Home	1,860 00	.....	241 92	.....	.....	773 90	.....	1,364 90	17 00	4,270 72	17 00
Browning Home	2,159 00	.....	308 58	.....	.....	457 44	.....	1,017 50	232 00	3,942 52	232 00
Kent Home	600 00	.....	93 83	$200 00	.....	682 27	.....	4,664 11	140 00	6,240 21	140 00
New Jersey Home	560 00	.....	36 15	200 00	.....	423 22	40 00	20 00	15 00	1,239 37	55 00
Ritter Home	725 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,450 00	181 20	4,421 53	683 96	6,596 53	865 16
Bennett Home	745 00	.....	486 88	.....	.....	1,156 87	41 50	904 02	128 00	3,292 77	169 50
Bennett Academy	2,605 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,605 00	.....
Dickson Hall	315 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	315 00	.....
E. L. Rust Home	800 00	.....	102 95	.....	.....	233 42	94 58	636 00	101 75	1,772 37	196 33
Adeline Smith Home	640 00	.....	.....	400 00	.....	1,087 75	182 23	411 37	223 00	2,539 12	405 23
Italian Work in New Orleans	420 00	.....	31 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	451 50	25 00
Peck School	640 00	.....	134 60	280 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	148 50	1,074 60	148 50
King Home	1,280 00	.....	279 85	.....	.....	793 10	.....	432 50	.....	2,785 45	.....
Eliza Dee Home	640 00	.....	131 67	.....	.....	378 21	.....	256 29	36 25	1,406 17	36 25
El Paso, Texas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	127 00	.....	127 00	.....
Utah	.....	.....	371 96	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	376 35	471 96	376 35
Elsinore	805 00	.....	.....	122 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	927 50	.....
Moroni	770 00	.....	.....	90 91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	860 91	.....
Logan	355 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	355 00	.....
Provo	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....
Mt. Pleasant	360 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	360 00	.....
Spring City	873 65	.....	.....	42 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	915 80	.....
Ephraim	90 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00	.....
Salt Lake City	490 00	.....	.....	848 01	$6 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,338 01	6 25
Ogden	243 82	.....	.....	.....	96 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	243 82	96 00
Harwood Home	2,080 00	.....	.....	150 00	.....	1,400 00	90 00	339 30	70 00	3,969 30	160 00
Tucson, Ariz.	1,430 00	.....	115 65	300 00	.....	1,419 46	356 50	6,185 36	2,466 80	9,450 47	2,823 30
Porto Rico—											
McKinley Day School	1,200 00	.....	45 00	.....	.....	900 00	.....	.....	.....	2,145 00	.....
Ponce	500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	185 00	.....	.....	.....	685 00	.....
Vieques	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110 00	40 00	.....	.....	110 00	40 00
Geo. O. Robinson Orphanage	2,060 00	.....	417 70	1,500 00	.....	2,058 33	35 00	15 00	807 45	6,051 03	842 45
Hawaii	.....	.....	75 00	1,200 00	.....	1,187 07	145 00	376 50	12 00	2,838 57	157 00

EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1909-1910.

	Salary.		Travel.	Incidentals.		Student Aid.		Special.		Total.	
	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher	Cash.	Voucher
Japanese	.....	.....	.....	$1,800 00	.....	$1,688 05	$408 85	$924 52	3,298 25	$4,412 57	3,707 10
Japanese, So. California	.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....
Chinese	.....	.....	.....	2,400 00	.....	1,939 41	641 60	3,047 09	1,651 48	7,386 50	2,293 08
Chinese, So. California	.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....
Frances DePauw	.....	.....	.....	1,570 00	.....	807 69	5,171 20	.....	.....	2,377 69	5,171 20
McCleskey Home, Boaz, Ala	$1,164 00	.....	$80 62	.....	.....	3,226 44	240 50	3,164 47	679 14	7,635 53	919 64
Mitchell Home	920 00	.....	70 00	125 00	.....	2,964 95	110 00	4,278 18	278 00	8,358 13	388 00
Community Schools	227 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	115 00	227 50	115 00
American Highlanders	31 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 00	.....
Navajo Mission	1,970 00	.....	105 00	150 00	.....	1,049 68	122 00	967 71	264 25	4,242 39	386 25
Stickney Home	1,551 00	.....	.....	216 00	.....	783 73	.....	.....	.....	2,550 73	.....
Pottawattomies	760 00	.....	.....	125 00	$329 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	885 00	329 53
White Eagle, Okla	480 00	.....	.....	84 50	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	564 50	150 00
Greenville	361 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	361 75	.....
Yumas	830 50	.....	.....	.....	1,181 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	830 50	1,181 10
Seattle Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96 47	275 37	96 47	275 37
Jesse Lee Home	2,045 00	.....	308 45	.....	.....	2,431 82	255 00	2,630 63	591 20	7,415 90	846 20
Sinuk Mission	1,000 00	.....	.....	260 00	.....	544 98	.....	4,674 65	408 50	6,479 63	408 50
New York Immigrant	.....	.....	.....	1,920 00	.....	.....	.....	2,500 00	2,562 91	4,420 00	2,562 91
Boston Immigrant	.....	.....	.....	2,000 00	130 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000 00	130 00
Hull Street Med. Mission	.....	.....	.....	1,133 88	1,681 86	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,133 88	1,681 86
Philadelphia Immigrant	.....	.....	.....	185 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	185 00	.....
E. A. Bradley Home	.....	.....	.....	1,213 01	6,773 98	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,213 01	6,773 98
Mothers' Jewels Home	1,600 00	.....	.....	1,100 00	.....	1,458 64	30 93	1,241 55	259 12	5,400 19	290 05
Watts De Peyster Home	3,600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,322 93	952 97	302 12	220 27	6,225 05	1,173 24
Glenn Home	.....	.....	.....	2,630 78	53 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,630 78	53 00
Marcy Home	.....	.....	.....	2,300 00	.....	.....	.....	768 09	4,376 67	3,068 09	4,376 67
Lucy Webb Hayes School	3,740 00	.....	.....	5,060 00	178 63	3,360 46	275 50	692 00	1,198 12	,852 46	52 25
Fisk Training-school	3,600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,472 32	248 20	242 70	370 51	5,315 02	618 71
Susanna Wesley (Chicago)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	135 00	378 17	135 00	378 17
San Francisco Train'g-school	2,000 00	.....	.....	1,600 00	4,256 01	547 36	.....	.....	.....	4,147 36	4,256 01
Cunningham Home	.....	.....	.....	500 00	4,316 24	399 37	.....	518 02	.....	1,417 39	4,316 24
Bancroft Rest Home	840 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	226 00	167 54	1,066 00	167 54
Thompson Rest Home	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 50	46 10	16 50	46 10
Deaconess Homes	.....	.....	.....	4,328 63	123,981 79	.....	.....	.....	2,051 66	4,328 63	126,033 45
Permanent Deaconess Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	702 00	490 00	702 00	490 00
Contingent Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,111 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,111 65
Conference Work	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,020 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,020 66
Temperance Work	.....	.....	.....	.....	709 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	709 72
Frontier	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,082 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,082 70
Totals	$61,847 22	.....	$4,697 20	$36,635 37	164,059 10	$43,791 22	9,877 76	$53,457 71	$25,442 52	$200,428 72	$199,379 38

EXPENDITURES, YEAR 1909-1910.

	Salary.	General.		Total.	
		Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.
Administration—					
Secretaries:					
Bureau	.....	$1,616 27	$1,749 68	.....	.....
Corresponding	$1,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Field	968 11	341 90	.....	.....	.....
Recording	500 00	19 52	.....	.....	.....
Treasurer	500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deaconess Bureau	.....	1,650 17	652 26	.....	.....
Total, Secretaries	.....	.....	.....	$6,595 97	$2,401 94
Organizers	.....	6,112 97	.....	6,112 97	.....
Printing	.....	4,042 71	.....	4,042 71	.....
Insurance	.....	3,328 25	.....	3,328 25	.....
Annual Meeting	.....	4,545 99	.....	4,545 99	.....
Miscellaneous	.....	1,870 74	197 28	6,064 86	197 28
Offices:					
Boston	350 00	201 97	.....	.....	.....
Chicago	540 00	480 00	.....	.....	.....
Cincinnati	1,186 68	566 20	.....	.....	.....
Delaware	600 00	250 00	.....	.....	.....
Detroit	720 00	463 70	.....	.....	.....
Publishing	2,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York	2,030 04	1,023 42	.....	.....	.....
San Francisco	.....	120 00	.....	.....	.....
Treasurer	730 00	75 00	.....	.....	.....
Total, Offices	$11,124 83	$26,708 81	.....	$11,337 01	.....
Interest on Notes and Annuities	.....	8,939 11	.....	8,939 11	.....
Refund—Buffalo Deaconess Home	.....	2,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous	.....	210 37	.....	.....	.....
Notes paid during the year	.....	28,988 32	.....	28,988 32	.....
Endowments Invested	.....	13,983 75	.....	12,000 00	.....
Totals	$11,124 83	$80,830 36	$2,599 22	$91,955 19	$2,599 22

Total Expenditures, by Cash and Vouchers	$578,130 41
Notes paid during the year	28,988 32
Cash balance, July 31, 1909	5,430 09

FINANCIAL REPORT OF DEACONESS HOMES.

*For Rest Homes only one-half of receipts, disbursements and balances in bank are reported, with the exception of Wing Rest Home, which is Deaconess property.
† Receipts and disbursements reported with Southern California Deaconess Home.
‡ Balance in bank does not agree with last report.
§ Figures incorrectly reported last year.
‖ Entered upon work since July 1, 1910.
¶ Receipts and disbursements reported with San Francisco Deaconess Home.
° Receipts and disbursements reported with E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home.
** No report received.

§*Aldrich Memorial:*

Receipts—Balance, 1909	$792 90	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	4,070 13	
	$4,863 03	
Disbursements	2,921 64	
Balance, 1910		$1,941 39

§*Baltimore:*

Receipts—Balance, 1909	$1,251 95	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	4,835 35	
	$6,087 30	
Disbursements	5,077 13	
Balance, 1910		1,010 17

**Bancroft Rest Home:*

Receipts—Balance, 1909	$291 89	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	2,980 94	
	$3,272 83	
Disbursements	3,004 73	
Balance, 1910		268 10

Bidwell:

Receipts—Balance, 1909	$37 63	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	4,317 72	
	$4,355 35	
Disbursements	4,328 59	
Balance, 1910		26 76

Brooklyn:

Receipts—Balance, 1909	$210 81	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources	5,271 79	
	$5,482 60	
Disbursements	5,460 38	
Balance, 1910		22 22

‡*Cleveland:*		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$132 83	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	9,285 13	
	$9,417 96	
Disbursements	7,871 58	
Balance, 1910		1,546 38
Colorado Conference Deaconess Hospital:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$75 04	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	15,823 77	
	$15,898 81	
Disbursements	15,469 31	
Balance, 1910		429 50
Cunningham Children's Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$2,217 48	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	9,307 12	
	$11,524 60	
Disbursements	10,678 57	
Balance, 1910		846 03
Davis:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$105 37	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	1,805 81	
	$1,911 18	
Disbursements	1,835 00	
Balance, 1910		76 18
Detroit:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$134 77	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	4,892 32	
	$5,027 09	
Disbursements	5,522 96	
Deficit, 1910		495 87
Duluth:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$111 92	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	1,650 39	
	$1,762 31	
Disbursements	1,666 13	
Balance, 1910		96 18

‡*Dwight W. Blakeslee Memorial:*

Receipts—Balance, 1909	$7 00	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	1,878 32	
	$1,885 32	
Disbursements	1,789 89	
Balance, 1910		95 43

Ellen A. Burge Deaconess Hospital:

Receipts—Balance, 1909	$126 01	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	5,249 13	
	$5,375 14	
Disbursements	5,121 79	
Balance, 1910		253 35

‡*Ellen B. Flower Deaconess Home and Hospital:*

Receipts—Balance, 1909	$244 77	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	47,322 85	
	$47,567 62	
Disbursements	27,067 62	
Balance, 1910		20,500 00

**Elvira Olney Rest Home:*

Receipts—Balance, 1909	$136 45	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	379 49	
	$515 94	
Disbursements	370 23	
Balance, 1910		145 71

‡*E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home:*

Receipts—Balance, 1909	$162 24	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	2,093 97	
	$2,256 21	
Disbursements	2,134 08	
Balance, 1910		122 13

Genesee Conference:

Receipts—Balance, 1909	$5,819 27	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	10,572 82	
	$16,392 09	
Disbursements	8,102 35	
Balance, 1910		8,289 74

‡*Graham Protestant Hospital:*		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$310 87	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	7,671 31	
	$7,982 18	
Disbursements	7,941 64	
Balance, 1910		40 54
Holloway:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$86 26	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	2,525 09	
	$2,611 35	
Disbursements	2,378 38	
Balance, 1910		232 97
Jersey City:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$135 12	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	2,473 56	
	$2,608 68	
Disbursements	2,219 02	
Balance, 1910		389 66
Kansas City National Training School:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$40 29	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	8,967 51	
	$9,007 80	
Disbursements	8,866 94	
Balance, 1910		140 86
****Los Angeles Deaconess Hospital:**		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	.....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	.....	
	.....	
Disbursements	.....	
Balance, 1910		.....
Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School and Sibley Memorial Hospital:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$274 67	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	57,934 06	
	$58,208 73	
Disbursements	57,691 07	
Balance, 1910		517 66

Maine Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$65 62	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	1,762 67	
	$1,828 29	
Disbursements	1,808 30	
Balance, 1910		19 99
Margaret Evans Deaconess Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$184 13	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	4,425 67	
	$4,609 80	
Disbursements	4,070 93	
Balance, 1910		538 87
Newark:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$404 74	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	3,632 33	
	$4,037 07	
Disbursements	3,285 73	
Balance, 1910		751 34
Ohio Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$145 38	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	2,926 81	
	$3,072 19	
Disbursements	2,855 62	
Balance, 1910		216 57
Philadelphia:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$2,431 97	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	14,456 20	
	$16,888 17	
Disbursements	14,492 10	
Balance, 1910		2,396 07
Pittsburg:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$668 12	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	3,955 09	
	$4,623 21	
Disbursements	3,967 11	
Balance, 1910		656 10

St. Paul:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$29 01	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	9,987 44	
	$10,016 45	
Disbursements	9,930 38	
Balance, 1910		86 07
San Francisco National Training School and Deaconess Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$731 71	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	8,432 67	
	$9,164 38	
Disbursements	8,631 08	
Balance, 1910		533 30
Shesler:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$70 13	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	4,027 17	
	$4,097 30	
Disbursements	3,151 02	
Balance, 1910		946 28
Southern California Conference:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$73 22	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	5,412 28	
	$5,485 50	
Disbursements	4,450 38	
Balance, 1910		1,035 12
Southwest Kansas Conference:		
Receipts, Balance, 1909	$648 06	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	1,975 68	
	$2,623 74	
Disbursements	1,816 59	
Balance, 1910		807 15
Stone Deaconess Home:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	.....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	$1,564 00	
Disbursements	1,341 00	
Balance, 1910		223 00

**Thompson Rest Home:*		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$70 38	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	221 26	
	$291 64	
Disbursements	249 58	
Balance, 1910		42 06
Washington:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$232 41	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	4,136 58	
	$4,368 99	
Disbursements	3,869 54	
Balance, 1910		499 45
Wilmington:		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	$232 88	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	1,499 03	
	$1,731 91	
Disbursements	1,154 38	
Balance, 1910		577 53
**†Wing Rest Home:*		
Receipts—Balance, 1909	.....	
Auxiliaries W. H. M. S. and other sources...	.....	
	.....	
Disbursements	.....	
Balance, 1910		.....
Balance in Treasuries		$46,319 86
Less deficit in Detroit Deaconess Home		495 87
		$45,823 99

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Altoona, Pa.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources..	$740 89	
Disbursements	740 00	
Balance, 1910		$0 89
¶Bakersfield, Cal.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources..	....	
Disbursements	....	
¶Berkeley, Cal.:		
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources..	....	
Disbursements	....	

Binghamton, N. Y.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 455 11
Disbursements 445 11

°*Burlington, Vt.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

Bartlesville, Okla.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 200 00
Disbursements 200 00

Boulder, Colo.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 350 00
Disbursements 350 00

Cameron, Mo.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 350 00
Disbursements 350 00

‖*Caney, Kan.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

Carmen, Okla.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 400 00
Disbursements 400 00

‖*Chanute, Kans.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

Cleveland, O.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 257 30
Disbursements 257 30

‖*Curranville, Kan.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

East St. Louis, Ill.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 350 00
Disbursements 350 00

‖*Ellsworth District, Kan.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

¶*Eugene, Ore.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

Erie, Pa.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 400 00
Disbursements 400 00

Fort Madison, Ia.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 350 00
Disbursements 350 00

Goodland, Kan.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 250 00
Disbursements 250 00

Hazelton, Pa.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 500 00
Disbursements 500 00

Indianapolis, Ind.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 550 10
Disbursements 550 10

Lexington, Ky.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 370 00
Disbursements 370 00

¶*Long Beach, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

Marshall, Texas:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 250 00
Disbursements 250 00

¶*Monrovia, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

Moundsville, W. Va.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 341 80
Disbursements 341 80

Montclair, N. J.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 200 00
Disbursements 200 00

‖*Munden, Kan.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

Muskogee, Okla.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 350 00
Disbursements 350 00

Mount Carmel, Pa.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 300 00
Disbursements 300 00

Mount Vernon, Ill.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 400 00
Disbursements 400 00

New Castle, Pa.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 391 50
Disbursements 391 50

Newark, N. J.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 200 00
Disbursements 200 00

‖*Newman Grove, Neb.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

¶*Oakland, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

Oklahoma City, Okla.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 350 00
Disbursements 350 00

¶*Pasadena, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

¶*Portland, Ore.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

¶*Sacramento, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

Salina, Kan.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 350 00
Disbursements 350 00

¶*San Jose, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

Santa Maria, Cal. :
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 350 00
Disbursements 350 00

¶*San Pedro, Cal.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

Scranton, Pa.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 350 00
Disbursements 350 00

‖*Sedalia, Mo.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

St. Johnsbury, Vt.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 340 00
Disbursements 340 00

‖*St. Joseph, Mo.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

St. Louis, Mo.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 300 00
Disbursements 300 00

Tucson, Ariz.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 350 00
Disbursements 350 00

Utica, N. Y.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 1,500 00
Disbursements 1,500 00

‖*Wakefield, Kan.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

Washington, Iowa:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 350 00
Disbursements 350 00

Waterloo, Iowa:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 350 00
Disbursements 350 00

Wilkes Barre, Pa.:
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. 456 00
Disbursements 456 00

***Barre, Vt.:*
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources.. ....
Disbursements ....

****Cincinnati, O.:**	
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources	
Disbursements	
****York, Neb.:**	
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources	
Disbursements	
****Geneva, N. Y.:**	
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources	
Disbursements	
‖Los Angeles (Mission), Cal.:	
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources	
Disbursements	
****Marcy Home, Chicago:**	
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources	
Disbursements	
****Monmouth, Ill.:**	
Receipts—Aux. W. H. M. S. and other sources	
Disbursements	
Total receipts of Deaconess Homes	$298,416 76
Total disbursements of Deaconess Homes	252,592 77
Balance in Treasuries	$45,823 99

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Ladies,—Having been elected by you as Auditors of the Accounts of your Treasurer, we respectfully report that the said accounts for the past year have been carefully audited by an Expert Accountant connected with the office of Guy H. Kennedy, a well-known Expert Accountant of this city. Mr. Kennedy was recommended by us because of his high reputation as an expert.

We have also examined his report and concur therein, and further add that the principal reason for employing an expert was that we had recommended the adoption of a new system of bookkeeping, which he could institute and approve. We are gratified with the result reached by the Expert Accountant, and congratulate the Society on the marked progress that is being made in the reduction of its liabilities, and from the exhibit we can state that it compares favorably with any other benevolent society. Respectfully submitted,

Richard Dymond,
Geo. B. Johnson,
Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Jr.,
Mrs. J. M. Pattison,
Committee.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Woman's Home Missionary Society

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1900.

WITH VERBAL CHANGES, AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS IN NEW YORK CITY, NOVEMBER, 1901.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the "Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The aim of this Society shall be to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute in all sections of our country, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Church in educational, missionary, and deaconess work.

ARTICLE III.—ORGANIZATION.

Section 1. This Society shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio. The headquarters and principal offices of the Society shall be in the city of Cincinnati. The officers of the Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twelve Managers (twenty-one in all), who together shall constitute the Board of Trustees. There shall also be seven Associate Managers, who, with the Secretaries of Bureaus, shall be entitled to sit with the Board of Trustees and participate in its deliberations.

Sec. 2. Vacancies in the Board of Trustees occurring *ad interim* shall be filled by the Board.

Sec. 3. The regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held in November, February, May, and September. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, and eleven shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 4. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be:

(1) To execute all orders of the Board of Managers.

(2) To determine all matters referred to it by the Board of Managers.

(3) To administer all the affairs of the Society between the annual sessions of the Board of Managers.

Sec. 5. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held in the city of Cincinnati, unless otherwise provided. The Board of Managers shall consist of the Board of Trustees and such of the following persons as shall be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, viz.: The Associate Managers, the President Emeritus, the Secretaries of Bureaus, the Field Secretaries, the Chairmen of Standing Committees appointed or confirmed by the Society at its Annual Meeting, the Editor and Publisher of *Woman's Home Missions,* the Editor of *Children's Home Missions,* the Editor of the Annual Report, and the Corresponding Secretary of and one delegate from each Conference Society. Also one delegate representing Young People's Work from each Conference Society having ten or more Young People's organizations.

Sec. 6. The work of the Annual Meeting shall be:

(1) To elect the officers of the Society and the Associate Managers as indicated in Section 1.

(2) To take into consideration the demands of the entire work of the Society, to receive the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, of Secretaries of Bureaus, of Conference Secretaries, and Standing Committees, to determine the fields of labor, to estimate the needs of the various fields, and to make appropriations for the ensuing year.

(3) To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all its plans and estimates be in harmony with the Constitution.

Sec. 7. The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

Sec. 8. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to make herself acquainted with the needs and opportunities of the mission fields, to correspond with the Bureau and Conference Secretaries, and to secure from them such details of their work as will be necessary to make quarterly reports to the Board of Trustees, and annual reports to the Board of Managers concerning the condition and needs of the mission fields.

Sec. 9. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society and make a report of the same at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, and at each regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. She shall pay the appropriations made by the Board of Managers, and such bills as the Board of Trustees may approve. The accounts shall be audited by a Committee elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.—Conference Organization.

Section 1. A Conference Society shall consist of all the Auxiliary Societies in a given Conference, together with a Conference Executive Board. It shall take the name of the Conference in which it is located.

Sec. 2. The officers of the Conference Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary (who may also be Treasurer), a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Secretaries of such departments as the Conference may adopt. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, and hold office till others are chosen. The Conference Officers, together with the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the districts, and District

Secretaries of Young People's Work, shall constitute the Executive Board of the Conference Society for the administration of the affairs of the Society, and five shall constitute a quorum. The Bureau Secretaries residing within the bounds of a Conference shall be *ex-officio* members of the Conference Executive Board.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Executive Board of the Conference Society shall be: To plan for the establishment and growth of the Society within the Conference bounds; to provide for an Annual Meeting and arrange Anniversary exercises; to transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided its action be in harmony with this Constitution.

Sec. 4. (1) The duties of the President and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually appertain to their respective offices, and to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary and other officers in organizing and conducting the work.

(2) The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to attend the session of the Annual Conference; to create interest in the work of the Society; to organize Auxiliary Societies in the various charges in the Conference: to conduct the correspondence of the Society; to forward semi-annually to the General Corresponding Secretary a statement of the work of the Conference Society (as per blank provided); and to present an annual report to the Board of Managers at its Annual Meeting.

(3) The duty of the Treasurer shall be to receive and to forward quarterly to the General Treasurer the funds of the Society.

(4) Special Work. Individuals, Auxiliaries, or Conference Societies may, subject to the approval of the Conference Board and of the Board of Trustees, raise special funds for the purchase of property, for the building or care of Homes, for the support of teachers, deaconesses, or pupils in the schools or Homes of the Society.

ARTICLE V.—Auxiliary Societies.

Any number of women who shall organize under the Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliaries and pay their annual dues, thereby become a Society Auxiliary to the Conference Society, and are entitled to one delegate for every twenty members to the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, provided that each Auxiliary shall have one delegate.

ARTICLE VI.—Membership.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership in the Society, and the payment of twenty dollars life membership. The payment of one dollar annually by a gentleman shall constitute an *honorary membership*. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life. The payment of one dollar annually for a deceased friend shall constitute a *memorial membership*. The payment of twenty dollars a perpetual *"in memoriam."*

ARTICLE VII.—Relation to Other Branches of Church Work.

Section 1. This Society shall engage in educational, missionary, and deaconess labor, exclusively in our own land, and shall work in harmony with the connectional societies of the Church.

The missionaries supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society, and if in a Mission shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in that particular Mission.

Sec. 2. The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall not be raised by collection, nor by subscription taken during any regular Church service, nor in Sunday schools, but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary members, managers, and patrons, by collections taken in audiences convened in the interests of the Society, and by other methods which will not interfere with the collections and contributions for the Treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amounts so collected shall be reported to the Annual Conference through the preachers in charge, in order that they may be entered among the benevolent collections, and publishd in the Annual and General Minutes.

Sec. 3. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which determines its work for the ensuing year, shall be so arranged that its fields of labor, its general plans of work, and its appropriations may be submitted to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church for approval at its Annual Meeting in November.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution, except Article VII, may be amended by the Board of Managers at its Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, three months' notice of the proposed change having been sent to each Conference organization, and published in *Woman's Home Missions.*

Amendments to Article VII may be proposed as above, but to become effective must be approved by the General Conference.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.

ANNUAL MEETING.

1. A committee of five, appointed by the Board of Trustees, shall prepare a program of exercises and an order of business for the Annual Meeting, which shall occur on the third Wednesday of October. The place of the meeting shall be fixed at the previous meeting of the Board of Managers; if not provided for, it shall be determined by this Committee, who shall announce the time and place in the Church papers.

2. All officers of the Society shall be nominated by ballot, and elected by ballot in open session.

3. Honorary Vice-Presidents shall be elected by acclamation by the Board of Managers on nomination by the Board of Trustees. They shall be entitled to all privileges of the body except the vote.

4. The Editor and Publisher of *Woman's Home Missions* and of *Children's Home Missions* shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and elected by the Board of Managers.

5. General Organizers shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and elected by the Board of Managers.

6. There shall be the following Standing Committees: On Mothers' Jewels Home, Glenn Home, Marcy Home, Watts de Peyster Home, the several Deaconess Homes, on Rest Homes; Japanese Work on the Pacific Coast and in the Hawaiian Islands; and on Publication, Mite-boxes, and Day of Humiliation and Prayer; the Committees on Homes named, except Rest Homes, shall be nominated by their respective local Boards, and confirmed by the Board of Managers; the Committee on Rest Homes, Japanese Work on the Pacific Coast and in the Hawaiian Islands, on Literature, on Day of Humiliation and Prayer, and on Temperance, shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

7. For the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers printed instructions shall be prepared and presented to the delegates on the morning of the election or on one day previous to the election.

8. Every Conference sending delegates to the meeting of the Board of Managers shall pay to the Committee on Arrangements of the entertaining city ten dollars ($10) for each Conference Secretary and each delegate. The money to be sent to the local committee with the names of the delegation. The expenses of the entertainement of the General Officers, Trustees, Associate Managers, Bureau Secretaries, Field Secretaries, Publishers and Editors of *Woman's Home Missions, Children's Home Missions,* and *Convention Daily,* two heads of department, Editor of General Publications, Secretary of Finance, missionaries and deaconesses, together with the Chairmen of Standing Committees, as published in the Annual Report, and invited speakers on the program, shall be met by the city entertaining the convention, together with all other expenses of entertainment.

II.

BUREAUS.

1. The mission fields and departments of work shall be placed in charge of Bureaus, each consisting of a Secretary and such Assistants as are nominated by the Secretary of the Bureau, and elected by the Board of Trustees. The Bureau for Young People's Work shall consist of two Associate Secretaries (one to supervise Young Women's Auxiliaries and Home Mission Circles, the other to supervise Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels), one or more Field Secretaries, and such Assistants as are nominated by the Secretaries of the Bureau and elected by the Board of Trustees.

2. Each Bureau shall have the responsibility, in its own field, of executing the plans and applying the funds as ordered by the General Board of Managers, and supervised by the Board of Trustees.

3. The duty of the Secretary of the Bureau shall be to supervise the work, secure conformity to the rules for mission work approved by the General Board of Managers, and report quarterly or oftener to the Board of Trustees.

The Bureaus shall be, (1) Colored Work in Georgia; (2) Florida; (3) East Central States; (4) West Central States; (5) White Work in Mississippi and Tennessee; (6) Colored Work in Mississippi; (7) West Southern States; (8) Texas; (9) White Work in Alabama, North Carolina, and Georgia; (10) Utah; (11) New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish); (12) New Mexico and Arizona (Indian); (13) Pacific Coast In-

dian Bureau; (14) Alaska; (15) Immigrants; (16) Eastern Deaconess; (17) Central Deaconess; (18) Western Deaconess; (19) Pacific Coast Deaconess; (20) Bureau for Supervision of Colored Deaconesses; (21) Chinese Work; (22) Japanese and Korean Work; (23) Porto Rico; (24) Spanish Work on the Pacific Coast; (25) Mission Supplies; (26) Department of Young People's Work and Department of Home Guards and Mothers' Jewels; (27) Home Missionary Reading Circle; (28) Systematic Beneficence.

5. The Bureau for Colored Work in Georgia shall supervise the colored work of the Society in the State of Georgia, and the Bureau for Florida in the State of Florida.

6. The Bureau for the East Central States shall supervise the work of the Society in West North Carolina and South Carolina.

7. The Bureau for West Central States shall supervise the colored work of the Society in East North Carolina and Tennessee.

8. The Bureau for White Work in Mississippi and Tennessee shall supervise the white work of the Society in those States.

9. The Bureau for Colored Work in Mississippi shall supervise the colored work of the Society in that State.

10. The Bureau for the West Southern States shall supervise the work of the Society in Louisiana and Arkansas.

11. The Bureau for White Work in Alabama, North Carolina, and Georgia shall supervise the white work in those States.

12. The Bureaus for Texas, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona (Spanish), New Mexico and Arizona (Indian), and Alaska shall supervise the work of the Society in these States and Territories respectively.

13. The Pacific Coast Indian Bureau shall supervise the work of the Society at Stickney Home, Ukiah, and at Yuma Missions.

14. The Bureau for Immigrants shall supervise the establishment and care of Homes and Industrial Schools for immigrant women and girls, in connection with the Atlantic ports of entry.

15. The Bureau for Chinese Work shall supervise the work of the Society among the Chinese.

16. The Bureau for Japanese and Korean Work shall supervise the work of the Society among the Japanese and Koreans on the Pacific Coast and Hawaii.

17. The Bureau for Porto Rico shall supervise the work of the Society in the Porto Rican mission field.

18. The Bureau for Spanish Work on the Pacific Coast shall supervise the work of the Society for the Spanish people on that coast.

19. The Bureau for Mission Supplies shall supervise the collection and distribution of clothing, literature, and such other supplies as may be helpful to ministers' families, Sunday schools, and the Industrial Schools of the Society.

20. Local missionary work, for which credit for money expended is given, shall be entered upon only with the approval of the Board of Trustees. Auxiliaries and Churches furnishing supplies to meet the needs of missionary work recognized by the Woman's Home Missionary Society may be credited for the same through the Bureau for Supplies.

21. It shall be the duty of the Department of Young People's Work to awaken and sustain interest in Home Missions among young people; to organize Young Women's Auxiliaries and Queen Esther Circles. It shall be the duty of the Department of Home Guards to organize Home Guards, and to secure the enlistment of Mothers' Jewels.

22. The funds used for the support of city mission work shall be raised for that special purpose, and by such methods as shall not diminish the amount that would otherwise be contributed to the general treasury.

23. The Bureau for Home Missionary Reading Circle shall co-operate with the Secretary of Literature in the supervision and preparation of courses of missionary reading, and the organization of Reading Circles. Loan libraries may be provided for the use of ministers and students in frontier districts.

24. The duty of the Bureau for Systematic Beneficence shall be to promote systematic giving by the preparation and circulation of literature, and such other efforts as are adapted to secure this end.

25. All Secretaries of Bureaus shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees, and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

DEPARTMENT OF DEACONESS WORK.

26. All Deaconess Institutions under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be associated together in a Department of Deaconess Work.

(*a.*) This department shall be under the supervision of a General Superintendent. It shall consist of seven bureaus: the bureaus to be known as the Bureau for National Training Schools, the Eastern, Central, Western, Pacific Coast, for the supervision of colored deaconesses, and the Bureau for Hospitals.

(*b.*) The Executive Committee of the Department shall consist of a General Superintendent and a Bureau for National Training Schools; the Secretaries of the several Deaconess Bureaus, together with two representatives from the Executive Committee of each Deaconess Institution.

(*c.*) The duty of the Executive Committee shall be the establishment and general supervision of all Training Schools and Deaconess Institutions under the auspices of the Society.

(*d.*) The Bureau for Training Schools shall supervise the National Training Schools and such Deaconesses of the other Training Schools as are engaged in the general work of the Society.

(*e.*) The Eastern Bureau shall include all the Deaconess Institutions and Stations, except Training Schools, east of the Genesee, Pittsburg, and West Virginia Conferences.

(*f.*) The Central Bureau shall include all the Deaconess Institutions and Stations, except Training Schools, in the Genesee, Pittsburg, and West Virginia Conferences and as far west as the eastern boundary of Illinois.

(*g.*) The Western Bureau shall include all the Deaconess Institutions and Stations, except Training Schools, situated between the eastern boundary of Illinois and the western boundary of Colorado.

(*h*) The Pacific Coast Bureau shall include all the Deaconess Institutions and Stations, except Training Schools, west of Utah.

(*i.*) The Bureau for the Supervision of Colored Deaconesses shall include all Deaconess Work among colored people.

(*j.*) The Deaconess Work in Utah shall be under the supervision of the Utah Bureau.

(*k.*) The appointment of deaconesses to their fields of labor shall be made by the General Superintendent and the Bureau for Training Schools.

(*l.*) The Board of Management of each Home shall report semi-annually on dates corresponding to the division of the fiscal year of the Society to the Secretary of the Bureau. The Secretary of the Bureau shall report annually to the General Superintendent.

(*m*) Auxiliaries in cities and towns where such Deaconess Homes are located as are authorized to send a delegate to the General Board of Managers shall be entitled to half the membership dues, which amount shall be returned to the Conference Treasurer.

(*n.*) No promise of life support shall be made to those who enter upon the work after the age of forty years, or to those who shall have given less than eight years of efficient consecutive service as deaconesses, under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the eight years of service not to include the two years of training.

(*o.*) And such deaconess may be admitted to a Rest Home on the payment for her of $200 by the Home of which she has been a member, or by herself, or by her friends.

(*p.*) No promise of life support shall be made to those who, at the close of their effective service, shall be unwilling to enter a Rest Home.

(*q.*) There shall be a Standing Committee for the purpose of creating and enlarging the Permanent Deaconess Fund.

(*r.*) The Board of Management of such Deaconess Home as receives support from the Woman's Home Missionary Society, on approval of the General Board of Managers, shall become a Standing Committee for its management, and shall be entitled to a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

(*s.*) We recommend that the rules of the several Homes, as to support of deaconesses, term of service, costume, age, or admission and support of disabled workers, shall be as nearly as possible uniform, and that the allowance for incidentals, for clothing etc., for a licensed deaconess shall be eight dollars a month; all questions pertaining to the general interests of deaconess work being in each Conference finally placed, as by the Discipline, under the control of the Conference Board of Nine.

(*t.*) Any person receiving aid from the Woman's Home Missionary Society in securing training at the Training Schools of the Society shall receive this money as a loan, which obligation shall be satisfied by a term of service in the Society of not less than two years' service for one year's training, nor less than four years' service for two years' training, or return the money to the Society as soon as practicable.

(*u.*) The Superintendent of any Deaconess Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be a member of the Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Conference in which that Home is located.

(*v.*) The deaconesses of any Deaconess Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society may select, annually, one of their own number who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to represent them at the meetings of the Conference Society.

Training Schools.

27. (*a.*) The governing body of the National Training Schools of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be: The Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, but the Board shall act through its Bureau for National Training Schools, aided by the President of each school and his local Board of Directors.

(*b.*) The President of the National Training Schools shall be nominated by the Bureau for National Training Schools and elected by the Board of Trustees.

(*c.*) The Board of Trustees shall elect annually the teachers for each school. Nominations for the consideration of the Board of Trustees shall

be made at the regular meetings in March of each year by the President and local Board of Directors of each school, and at the April meeting of the Board of Trustees by the Secretary of the Bureau for National Training Schools. In electing teachers, however, the Trustees shall not be confined to the nominations so made.

(*d.*) The President of each school, with the advice of his local Board of Directors, shall have the responsibility of the internal management and discipline of the school, and the recommendation of pupils for graduation in the various courses of instruction.

(*e.*) The Bureau for National Training Schools, together with the President, shall determine the Course of Study, text-books, and standard of admission and graduation.

(Numbers *a* and *b* apply equally to all departments of the Training Schools.)

*(*f.*) The local Board of Directors at Washington shall consist of five groups of three members each—fifteen in all—of which five shall be men and ten women. The term of office of each group is to be five years. At the regular monthly meeting in March the local Board of Directors shall nominate twice the number of persons required to fill vacancies which shall occur by expiration of the term of office or by other causes from which the Board of Trustees will choose a sufficient number to fill vacancies. Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the local Board of Directors until the end of the current year.

(*g.*) The local Board of Directors shall authorize the purchase of supplies for the table, fuel, and household expenses, including repairs and incidentals. Bills in all the departments shall be kept within the annual appropriations made by the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Any expenditure involving more than $500 shall first be referred to the National Training School Committee.

(*h.*) All bills shall be audited by a committee of three appointed by the local Board of Directors, and a copy of such audit shall be filed with the Auditor of the National Training Schools Committee, who, by virtue of his office, shall be a member of the local Board of Directors of each Training School with voice and vote.

(*i.*) The local Board of Directors, at their meeting in December, may elect one of their number, who, with the President of the School, shall be delegate with voice and vote to the meeting of the National Training School Committee in January and May.

(*j.*) These By-laws relating to Training Schools may be changed at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. The recommendations for changes in or additions to these By-laws may be made at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees by the Bureau for National Training Schools and by the President and local Board of Directors of the respective schools.

(*k.*) Actions of the Bureau for National Training Schools taken at the semi-annual meetings of the Committee are not subject to changes save by the Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

(*l.*) All questions relating to or in any wise affecting real estate belonging to this Corporation shall be determined only by the Board of Trustees of this Society, or by such Committee as it may appoint for this purpose.

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*Number *f* relates to the local Executive Committee which are selected in a different way at each of the Training Schools to the degree that the local work is identified with the national work.

III.

FINANCE.

1. The fiscal year of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall end the 31st of July.

2. Auxiliary Societies.—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports, as specified in By-laws for Auxiliaries, 4 and 5, September 15th, December 15th, March 15th, and June 15th.

3. Conference Societies.—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports as prescribed in the Constitution, Articles IV, sections 3 and 4, October 15th, January 15th, April 15th, and July 15th.

4. Board of Trustees.—The Corresponding Secretary shall furnish the reports specified in the Constitution, Article III, Section 8, as soon as possible after the 15th of December, and June.

5. The funds of the Society, unless otherwise ordered, must be sent by the Auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurer, and thence forwarded to the General Treasurer, and whenever held by either of these officers shall be deposited in a banking institution in the name of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Money to be expended for missionary supplies for frontier or Southern work must in all cases be raised as a special fund for this work.

6. Moneys shall not be collected by the employees of the Society for any special purpose, unless such collection is authorized by the Board of Trustees, and the purpose approved; and moneys so collected shall be paid into the General Treasury, and be regularly appropriated therefrom.

7. All missionaries, Superintendents of Industrial Schools, and teachers in the employ of the Society shall present to the Board of Trustees, through the Secretaries of their respective Bureaus (not later than July 15th of each year), carefully prepared estimates for their work for the coming year. The appropriations of the Society shall be made by the General Board of Managers acting as a Committee of the Whole.

8. The pledges for the work of this Society shall be sent by each Conference Corresponding Secretary to the Secretary of the Finance Committee one month before the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference shall be allowed to pledge a small amount over and above that already pledged by her Conference Society to meet deficiencies between appropriations granted and pledges received, also to meet new pleas presented in the meeting of Finance Committee.

9. No officer of the Society, no Auxiliary or Conference Society, shall contract for the purchase of property, or undertake any special work (other than local work within its own territory) without the approval of the Board of Trustees of this Society, expressed in writing and duly certified by the signatures of the Chairman and Recording Secretary of said Board.

10. The erection of buildings shall not be begun nor contracted for until the money that will be required for the completion thereof shall have been paid into the general treasury of this Society, or fully provided for, nor until the erection of said building or buildings, and all the plans and contracts relating to the same, shall have been approved by the Board of Trustees of this Society in the manner specified in the foregoing paragraph.

11. The President and Recording Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall be empowered to sign all deeds and contracts for the Society. The Treasurer shall be empowered to sign all notes of the Society.

IV.

BUILDINGS AND CARE OF HOMES AND SCHOOLS.

1. The erection of all buildings for Home and school work shall be under the care of the Bureau having charge of the work, which shall determine the site, select the plan, let the contract, supervise the erection, and accept the work, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

2. The furnishing of Industrial Homes and Schools shall be plain, simple, and economical, and as carefully adapted to circumstances as possible. The purchases shall be made under the direction of the Bureau in charge, and the property shall belong to the Society. At the end of each year an inventory of property, and a statement of its condition, shall be furnished to the Board by the Superintendent of the Home.

3. Each Industrial Home shall be under the care of a Superintendent, who, together with the teachers and assistants, shall be employed by the Board of Trustees and paid by order of the Society.

4. All the employees of the Board shall make, directly or through their Superintendents, as they shall be instructed, monthly reports of their work as per blank provided, sending one copy to the General Corresponding Secretary and another to the Secretary of the Bureau in charge of the field.

5. Since the conversion and spiritual growth of those for whom we labor is the object of all effort, our instructors are required to work diligently and methodically to that end, through family worship, school instruction, personal appeal, and social means of grace, endeavoring at all times to develop sound and strong character.

6. It shall be the aim in our Industrial Schools to provide: (1) Such social and moral training as shall tend to make good neighbors and good citizens; (2) When necessary, the rudiments of education—reading, writing, and keeping simple accounts; (3) Such domestic instruction as shall fit girls to care for a house, and prepare plain meals properly and economically; (4) Instruction in dressmaking and cutting, making and mending plain garments or ordinary wearing apparel; (5) Tuition in nursing—the care of the sick; (6) Kindergarten and kitchengarden training; (7) Instruction in the cultivation of vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

7. It shall be our aim to provide a library for each Industrial Home and school, to which pupils may have daily access.

V.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

1. There shall be a Committee on Literature consisting of the General Corresponding Secretary of the Society, the Editor of *Woman's Home Missions,* the Editor of Publications, and the Secretary of Literature.

2. This Committee shall secure and furnish information relating to the various Bureaus and mission fields in the form of Books, Booklets, and Leaflets, upon application send such information out for use in Conference, District, and Auxiliary meetings as will aid in the dissemination of Home Missionary intelligence. All leaflets, booklets, etc., bearing the

imprint of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the bills for printing which are to be paid from the treasury, shall receive the approval of the Committee on Literature before being put to press.

3. The Recording Secretary shall give to the public, through the Church papers, a condensed report of such proceedings of each meeting of the Board of Trustees as will be of interest to the Society or to the general public.

VI.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

I. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the Society must give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

(1) Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a Home missionary?

(2) Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?

(3) Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church as set forth in Part I, Chapter I, of the Discipline?

(4) When and where were you born?

(5) What are your domestic relations and obligations?

(6) Have you a thorough English education?

(7) In what schools have you taught, and how long?

(8) Have you knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?

(9) Can you cut and fit dresses and teach sewing and millinery?

(10) Are you able to give instruction in housekeeping, including cooking.

(11) Have you had experience in the care of the sick?

II. (1) The candidates must furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church; (2) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3) Good health; (4) Educational fitness; (5) Ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6) Aptness to teach.

(2) Each candidate is requested to write a letter giving a brief sketch of her life and her call to the work, which, with her photograph, is to be sent with her testimonials.

(3) The testimonials of a missionary candidate shall be considered and passed by her Conference Board before they are brought to the Committee on Missionary Candidates.

(4) When a candidate has been approved by the Board of Trustees, she may be appointed on nomination of a Bureau to a mission field.

(5) The Board of Trustees at its quarterly meeting in April shall make a special examination of the work of the missionaries during the past year, and appoint them for the coming year.

(6) A missionary shall receive her traveling expenses from her home to her field of labor; also her return expenses when she is recalled by the Board of Trustees; and her salary from the time of arrival in her field. This salary shall not exceed $40 per month.

VII.

DEPARTMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Young women paying annual dues of $1, with ten cents contingent fund, may be organized into Auxiliaries. Young people paying five cents a month (fifty cents annually for general and ten cents for contingent

fund) may be organized into Queen Esther Circles, and may be under the supervision of an older person called a Director.

Conferences having ten or more Young People's organizations may elect a young woman as a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

VIII.

DEPARTMENT OF HOME GUARDS AND MOTHERS' JEWELS.

1. Young people under fourteen may be organized into Home Guards under the Constitution provided.
2. Children may be enrolled as Mothers' Jewels on the payment of ten cents annually.
3. The payment of $10 shall constitute a Junior Life Membership for those fourteen years old or younger.

IX.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be amended or suspended at any Annual Meeting of the General Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

[NOTE.—Under the laws of incorporation of the State of Ohio, a majority of the members of the body incorporated constitutes a quorum. Therefore eleven is the legal quorum of the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.]

1. The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held quarterly, or oftener, at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, due notice being given.
2. The Recording Secretary shall notify each member of the time and place of all meetings, regular and special.
3. The Board of Trustees shall organize by the election of a Chairman and the requisite Standing Committee at its first meeting next succeeding the Annual Meeting of the General Board of Managers.
4. At the quarterly meetings written reports shall be presented by the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of the Bureaus, and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.
5. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a Business Committee of seven, to consist of the President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and three other members of the Board, with power to transact business for the Board in the intervals of the meetings of the Board of Trustees. This Committee shall report its action at the regular meeting next succeeding such action.
6. Corresponding Secretaries of Conference Societies, in attendance upon any meeting of the Board of Trustees, shall be entitled to a seat and the privilege of discussion.
7. The Order of Business and Rules of Debate shall be as follows: (1) Singing, reading of Scriptures, prayer; (2) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (3) Reports of the Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretaries of the Bureaus, Standing Committees; (4) Reports of Special Committees; (5) Unfinished business; (6) Resolutions for discussion shall

be presented in writing; (7) Ladies speaking shall rise and address the Chair.

8. There shall be the following Standing Committees: (1) Business; (2) Scholarships; (3) Missionary Candidates; (4) Annual Meeting; (5) Literature; (6) *Woman's Home Missions;* (7) Transportation; (8) Mite-boxes; (9) Bequest and Devise; (10) Insurance; (11) Thank-offering.

9. These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, notice of the desired change having been given at the preceding meeting. They may be suspended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society shall call meetings of the Executive Board when the exigencies of the work demand it. This Executive Board shall determine the date and place of the Annual Meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises, unless these items have been provided for by previous action at the Annual Meeting.

2. The program for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society shall include reports from the Recording and Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, and the District Secretaries; the election of officers, of Standing Committees, of a delegate and alternate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, and of a delegate and alternate as provided in Section VII, No. 3, Young People's Work.

3. Order of business: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Introduction of delegates; (3) Appointment of committees; (4) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (5) Report of Treasurer; (6) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (7) Reports of District Officers; (8) Report of Secretaries of Departments; (9) Reports of committees; (10) Unfinished and miscellaneous business; (11) Election of officers.

4. Each District Secretary shall present a list of the full names of her delegation to the Recording Secretary.

5. The Standing Committees shall be appointed as follows: (1) Annual Meeting; (2) By-laws; (3) *Woman's Home Missions.*

6. The Committee on Anniversary shall consist of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Secretary of the District in which the meeting is to be held.

7. The four general officers, President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be nominated by informal ballot, and elected by ballot. Vacancies occurring in the Conference Board *ad interim* may be filled by the Executive Board of the Conference. No Conference Society shall be allowed to have salaried officers except the Conference Organizer, and her salary shall be such as has been provided for by the By-laws of the Society.

8. Every Auxiliary Society and Young People's Society in the Conference shall be entitled to a delegate for each twenty members, and fraction thereof. Auxiliaries and Young People's Societies of less than twenty members shall be entitled to one delegate; also the Board of Management of a Deaconess Home or Mission Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be entitled to a delegate; these delegates, with the Executive Board, Secretaries of Departments, and Conference Organizers, shall constitute the Annual Meeting.

9. The duty of each District President shall be to have general supervision of the work in her district. She shall confer and co-operate with the Secretary in organizing and visiting the work; preside at the District meetings, and endeavor to secure the favor and aid of the District Superintendent and pastors. She shall report her work to the Secretary of the District.

10. The duty of the District Secretary shall be to co-operate with the President in the organization of Auxiliaries; to correspond with and visit them, to arrange for public meetings, to send out blanks and receive reports, and to forward a report by the 1st of October, January, April, and July to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society, and to secure a report from Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries for Conference and District Annual Meetings. In the absence of a Conference Secretary of Young People's Work, she shall also secure reports from Circles and Bands.

11. There shall be a Supply Secretary, a Mite-Box Secretary, a Secretary for Young People's Work, a Secretary for Home Missionary Reading Circle, Secretary of Systematic Beneficence, Secretary of Literature, Secretary of Temperance, and such other Secretaries as the exigencies of the work demand, each to report as directed by the Conference Executive Board. Each Conference Society shall also select a Manager for National Training Schools.

12. The Executive Board shall meet in ———— on the —— of each month, if practicable.

13. No membership dues, Honorary membership dues, or moneys obtained for missionary purposes may be used for local needs.

14. Mite-box and Thank-offering funds raised under the auspices of the Society shall be devoted *only* to some department of the work of the Society.

15. Auxiliaries shall have credit in the General Reports only for moneys and vouchers sent to the General Treasurer.

16. There shall be a contingent fund for local expenses, to which each Auxiliary shall contribute twenty cents a member annually, one-half to be used in Conference expenses and the other half in those of the District and Auxiliary.

17. As soon as practicable, each District shall be organized into an Association under the Constitution adopted by the Board of Trustees.

18. The District Association or the President and Secretary of each District shall be a Committee to arrange for a presentation of our work at camp-meetings held on the District. In case of their failure to do so, that duty shall devolve upon the Conference Executive Board.

19. Any Conference that has held one or more Annual Meetings, and has its duly elected Conference and District officers, may determine its own methods of organizing Auxiliaries and the amount of remuneration of its organizers, provided that all its plans shall be in harmony with the Constitution.

20. The Conference Societies shall be held responsible for the direction and control of their respective Organizers.

21. In all cases where Conference Organizers, whose appointment has been confirmed by the Board of Trustees, are employed, the expense, which consists of traveling expense and one dollar for each day of actual service, must be met by the Conference if possible. An itemized bill must be given to the Conference Treasurer, and when the Conference Contingent Fund is insufficient to pay the whole of this bill, the Conference Treasurer may forward the same, indicating the amount paid thereon, to the General Treasurer, who will pay the balance.

22. The accounts of such Organizers shall be audited each month by an Auditing Committee, appointed by the Conference Board for this purpose, before sending bills to the general Treasurer.

23. The Conference Treasurer shall close her account with the Auxiliaries the —— of ——, after which all the moneys received shall be placed in the next year's account.

24. These By-laws may be suspended by a majority vote of the Conference Executive Board at any regular meeting, and amended by a two-thirds vote of an Annual Meeting, the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

NOTE.—In Conferences where the interests of the work demand it, supplementary by-laws adapted to the local needs may be adopted by the Conference Annual Meeting, provided they do not conflict with the spirit of the Constitution.

CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the ———— District Association of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Art. 2. It shall be the object of this Association to secure an Auxiliary in each charge on the District if possible, and to sustain interest in those already organized.

Art. 3. Every person who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the ———— District shall be a member of the Association.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and such Secretaries of departments as are necessary to the promotion of the work. These officers having been nominated and elected by ballot shall constitute the Executive Committee of the District Association.

Art. 5. The duties shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers, with the addition to those of the Corresponding Secretary, that she shall secure a report from each Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary on the 15th of September, of December, of March, and of June, and send a report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary by the 1st of October, January, April, and July. The Treasurer shall hold the Contingent Fund of the District, which she shall disburse upon the order of the President and Corresponding Secretary.

Art. 6. There shall be an Annual Meeting for the Election of Officers and the transaction of such other business as may be of interest to the Association.

Art. 7. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Society of ———, Auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of the needy and destitute women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work.

Art. 3. Any person paying one dollar per year and ten cents contingent fund may become a member of this Society, and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

Art. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Literature, and such other Department Secretaries as may be thought advisable, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

Art. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held ——— of each month. The Anniversary Meeting shall be on the ——— day of ———, when the Annual Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

Art. 6. This Constitution may be amended only by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duty of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to send reports quarterly of the condition and work of the Auxiliary to the District Secretary when the District Association is orgranized; otherwise to the Conference Secretary, and in the absence of such an officer to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Society in Cincinnati. It shall also be the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries, when no other person is appointed, to faithfully solicit subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions.*

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and to send the same quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, and in the absence of such an officer, to the Treasurer of the General Society.

6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Literature to provide and care for one or more sets of books in the Home Missionary Reading Circle. She shall keep a file of *Woman's Home Missions, Children's Home Missions,* and the Annual Reports for reference; take and forward orders for the same. She shall keep a careful record and report regularly to the Auxiliary.

7. Order of exercises for monthly meetings: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Reading and approval of minutes; (3) Reports from members of work done; (4) Report of Treasurer, in writing; (5) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (6) Unfinished business; (7) Miscellaneous business; (8) "Concert Lesson;" (9) Adjournment.

8. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase the general missionary intelligence and zeal in the special work of this Society.

9. There shall be a Standing Committee of Three to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for the monthly and quarterly meetings.

10. There shall be a Contingent Fund provided either by the assessment of ten cents per member, or by a penny collection at the regular meetings, or by any other method devised by the Auxiliary.

11. Each woman connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what she can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, schools, orphans, and missionaries.

12. These By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present—notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

CONSTITUTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE I.

It shall be the duty of the Department of Young People's Work (1) To awaken and sustain interest among young people in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; (2) To organize Young Woman's Auxiliaries and Queen Esther Circles.

Young women paying annual dues of $1, with ten cents Contingent Fund, may be organized into Auxiliaries. Young people paying five cents a month (fifty cents annually for general and ten cents for Contingent Fund) may be organized into Queen Esther Circles, and may be under the supervision of an older person called a Director.

Conferences having ten or more Young People's organizations may elect a young woman as a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

ARTICLE II.—Local Organization.

Section 1. This Society shall be called Young Woman's Auxiliary or Queen Esther Circle of ..... Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sec. 2. The object of this organization shall be to interest young people in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to learn of the need for missionary work in our own country and what is being done to meet it, and to raise funds for such work.

Sec. 3. Any young person fourteen years of age or over, paying fifty cents dues per annum and ten cents Contingent Fund, may be a member of the Queen Esther Circle.

Any young person paying one dollar dues and ten cents Contingent Fund annually may be a member of the Young Woman's Auxiliary.

Any person paying one dollar per year dues may become an honorary member of either organization.

Sec. 4. The officers of these organizations shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Secretary of Literature, a Secretary of Supplies, a Secretary of Home Mission Reading Circles, and a Mite-box Secretary.

Sec. 5. Meetings of this Society shall be held at ..... on the ..... of each month. The Annual Meeting shall be held in June of each year, at which time reports shall be made and officers elected for the coming year.

Sec. 6. This Constitution may be changed only by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

BY-LAWS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society, and in every way seek to promote its interests.

2. The Vice-President shall take the place of the President in her absence and shall seek to assist her in every way.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct list of the members and records of the proceedings of the Society, and shall provide the pastor with notices of its meetings.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, and send quarterly reports of its work to the District Secretary of Young People's Work, if there be one; if not, to the Conference Secretary of Young People's Work. If there be neither District nor Conference Secretary for this department, she shall send such reports to the Conference Corresponding Secretary. She shall also notify the same officers of changes in the officers of the Society.

5. The Treasurer shall have charge of all money of the Society. She shall collect membership dues, keep a book account thereof, and send funds once a quarter to the Conference Treasurer. Aside from dues, pledges, and mite-box money, a Contingent Fund shall also be provided for the Expenses of the Society.

6. The Vice-President and Director shall be members of the Program Committee, and other members may be added.

7. The Mite-box Secretary shall secure and distribute mite-boxes to members of the Society and to others, that thus interest may be created and the work helped. At a designated meeting, the mite-boxes shall be opened by a Commitee of which the Mite-box Secretary shall be Chairman. This Committee shall report to the Society the amount of money collected, paying the same to the Treasurer, and shall also report to the District Mite-box Secretary.

8. The Secretary of Literature shall order the leaflets, periodicals, text-books, and other publications connected with the work of the Circle or Auxiliary. It is also her special duty to urge the securing and use of the same.

9. The Secretary of Reading Circles shall urge the organization of Reading Circles and Home Mission Study Classes aside from the regular meetings of the Society, in accordance with the plans made by the General Secretary of Reading Circles.

10. The Secretary of Supplies shall seek to arouse interest in this department by making the Society familiar with the needs and calls for such help on the frontier and from our homes and schools, as well as from local interests, such as Deaconess Work, that are under the control of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

11. The Society may give public literary and musical entertainments at which full reports may be made, thus arousing sympathy and interest in the Church for its work. Such entertainments, whatever the program, should always emphasize the thought and work of Home Missions.

12. Each member of the Society shall try to induce others to join, and shall do all in her power to make the greetings contribute to mental and spiritual growth.

13. Spiritual order of exercises for monthly meetings: Devotional service, reading of minutes, report (or statement) of Treasurer, report of Corresponding Secretary, discussion of plans of work, unfinished and miscellaneous business, program, adjournment.

14. These By-laws may be amended only at a regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, one month's notice of such intention having been given.

CONSTITUTION FOR HOME GUARDS.

Article 1. This organization shall be called the ..... Home Guards of ..... Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 2. The object of this organization is to interest the children and youth of the Church in missionary work in our own land, and to secure their help in carrying it forward.

Art. 3. The officers of this organization shall be a lady Director, whose duty shall be to take charge of and direct the organization; a President, four or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such offices.

Art. 4. Any child or young person, with consent of parents or guardians, may become a member of the Home Guards by paying yearly twenty-five cents as membership fee. The payment of $2.50 shall constitute a life membership.

Art. 5. The Home Guards may hold entertainments or use any methods for securing funds that are in harmony with Christian usages and the rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 6. The Home Guards may support a beneficiary, furnish mission supplies, or assist in any department of missionary work they may desire, provided the work chosen be approved by the Executive Board of the Conference Society, or the Board of Trustees of the General Society.

Art. 7. This organization may become a part of the Woman's Home Missionary Society by contributing to its work in its various fields, and all work done by them shall be under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Money and vouchers must be sent through their Treasurer to the Conference Treasurer.

Art. 8. The annual meeting of the Home Guards for the election of officers shall be held on .....

Art. 9. This Constitution can be amended by the Board of Trustees of the General Society. Petitions for change may be made in writing, stating reasons for such request, and bearing the signature of all the officers of the Society.

BY-LAWS FOR HOME GUARDS.

1. The meetings of this organization shall be held on ..... of every .....

2. A Committee on Music, consisting of three or five members (at least one adult), shall be appointed for one month or more, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable music for the meetings.

3. The Vice-Presidents shall each in turn be responsible for the entertainment of the meeting, by securing speeches, dialogues, quartets, etc., from their Societies, and by obtaining the aid of adults as needed. And, together with the Director and the Committee on Music, they shall prepare a program before each meeting for the use of the President.

4. Order of Exercises for Regular Meeting: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Reading and approval of minutes; (3) Report of Treasurer; (4) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (5) Report of Home Guards; (6) Unfinished and miscellaneous business; (7) Program; (8) Adjournment.

5. These By-laws may be amended with the consent of the Auxiliary with which the Society is connected.

CONSTITUTION FOR MOTHERS' JEWELS.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the Mothers' Jewels of ..... Church.

Art. 2. The object of this Society is to help other children by working with the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Art. 3. Any boy or girl ten years old or younger may join this Society by paying dues of ten cents a year. The payment of $1 shall constitute a Mothers' Jewel Life Membership.

Art. 4. The Society shall be under the charge of an adult leader, and its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Art. 5. The members of the Society shall raise money under the direction of their leader (in addition to paying the dues), to help take care of children in the various Homes of our Society.

BY-LAWS FOR MOTHERS' JEWELS.

1. The time and place of meetings and the programs for the same shall be under the direction of the leader.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

BEQUEST*—(*Personal Estate*)—*I give and bequeath to the* ***Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, *a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of* ..... *and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.*

DEVISE*—(*Real Estate*)—*I give and devise to the* ***Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, *a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say:* ..... *to have and to hold or dispose of the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors, and assigns forever.*

NOTE.—Notice should be given promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society of all Bequests and Devises.

DONATION $1,000.	ANNUITY 5%

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

CERTIFICATE OF ANNUITY.

(Insert donor's name.) (Insert residence.)

..... of .....

having donated the sum of **One Thousand Dollars** *to THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, subject, however, to the payment by said Society of an* **annuity** *of five per cent per annum on said sum for and during her natural life, which donation has been accepted, subject to the condition aforesaid; NOW, THEREFORE, said Society hereby agrees to pay said annuity to the order of said donor in semi-annual installments, being the sum of* **Twenty-five Dollars,** *payable on the first day of January, and a like sum of* **Twenty-five Dollars,** *payable on the first day of July of each and every year hereafter, so long as the said* ..... *shall live; and after her death said Society shall not be subject to any payment on account of said donation.*

This Society *shall have the immediate right to use said donation for any of its purposes.*

In Witness Whereof *said Society has caused its corporate name to be hereunto subscribed and its corporate seat to be hereunto affixed at the City of Cincinnati, by Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, its Treasurer, thereunto duly authorized, this* .....*day of* ..... *one thousand nine hundred and* .....

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH BY

.....

TREASURER.

CORPORATE SEAL.

NOTE.—Form of Annuity Certificate. The above form is for a donation of $1,000, with annuity of five per cent. It can readily be changed either in amount or in the rate per cent, or in both, so as to comply with the facts and contract in each case.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the State of Ohio, desiring to become incorporated under the laws of Ohio, in such cases made and provided, do hereby subscribe and acknowledge the following Articles of Incorporation :

First. The name of the corporation shall be "THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

Second. The said corporation shall be located at *Cincinnati*, Hamilton County, Ohio.

Third. The said corporation is not for profit, but is wholly benevolent and charitable.

Fourth. The purpose and objects of the corporation shall be to enlist and organize Christian women to labor in behalf of needy and destitute women and children in all parts of our country, without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Methodist Episcopal Church in educational and missionary work; to employ women to work in destitute localities; to instruct the ignorant and unfortunate in the practice of industry and economy; and in the principles of sanitary law and morality, and to establish schools and evangelistic agencies throughout the United States and Territories.

Thus done and certified at *Cincinnati, Ohio*, this *20th* day of *November*, A. D., *1884*.

ELIZA G. DAVIS,	[Seal.]
ELIZABETH RUST,	[Seal.]
E. J. FOWLER WILLING,	[Seal.]
M. E. AMPT,	[Seal.]
LOUISA HEMESETH.	[Seal.]

The State of Ohio, Hamilton County, ss.:

Be it remembered that on the *20th* day of *November*, *1884*, before me the subscriber, a *Notary Public* in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared *Eliza G. Davis*, *Elizabeth Rust*, *E. J. Fowler Willing*, *M. E. Ampt*, and *Louisa Hemeseth*, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing articles of incorporation, and severally acknowledged that they respectively signed and sealed the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my *Notarial Seal*, the day and year last aforesaid.

WM. J. T. WILSON,
Notary Public, Hamilton County, O.

{(SEAL.)}

The State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, ss.:

I, *Daniel J. Dalton, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas*, a Court of Record within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in this office that *Wm. J. T. Wilson*, whose name is subscribed to the annexed instrument, was at the time of taking such proof, or acknowledgment, a Notary Public in and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified, and duly authorized to administer oaths, to take acknowledgments of deeds, etc.

And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of said *Wm. J. T. Wilson*, and verily believe that the signature to the said certificate, or proof of acknowledgment, is genuine. I further certify that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of this State.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at Cincinnati, this 21st day of November, A. D., 1884.

{ (SEAL.) }

Daniel J. Dalton, Clerk.
By Richard C. Rohner, Deputy.

(Certificate under Section 906, Revised Statutes of the United States.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
STATE OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

I, LEWIS C. LAYLIN, *Secretary of State of the State of Ohio*, and being the officer who, under the Constitution and Laws of said State, is duly constituted the keeper of the record of articles of incorporation of all companies incorporated under the laws thereof, and the records of all papers relating to the creation of said incorporated companies, and empowered to authenticate exemplifications of the same, do hereby certify that the annexed instrument is an exemplified copy, carefully prepared by me with the original record now in my official custody as Secretary of State, and found to be true and correct, of the Articles of Incorporation of "THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH," filed in this office on the *22d* day of *November*, A. D. *1884*, and recorded in *Volume 31*, *Page 242*, of the *Records of Incorporations;* that said exemplification is in due form and made by me as the proper officer, and is entitled to have full faith and credit given it in every court and office within the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto attached my official signature and the Great Seal of the State of Ohio, at Columbus, this 1st day of March, A. D., 1902.

LEWIS C. LAYLIN, *Secretary of State.*
[Signed.]

SEAL.

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